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Nixon misled by staff on Russian intentions about tax on emigrants

WASHINGTON (JTA)–

President Nixon was reported on Capital Hill as having been badly misled by his staff on Soviet government intentions regarding emigration and his presentation to key senators was described by one of them as a "fiasco."

Since the president's presentation that the Soviet had "suspended" its exit tax on emigrants, none of the 76 senators have given any indication of a change of heart in their co-sponsoring of legislation forbidding U.S. trade benefits and credits to the Soviet Union until it removes its emigration restrictions. Some, in fact, indicated they are even more firmly committed to the legislation.

In the House, where 276 representatives have co-sponsored identical legislation--the Mills-Vanik Amendment--there was no sign of defections either. "We haven't had a single phone call from a senator or an aide on the Jackson Amendment," the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed by a principal assistant to Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.) who presented the legislation in the Senate.

The story unfolded on April 19 from three senatorial sources on the White House meeting shaped up as follows: Nixon believed the Soviet government had capitulated on the emigration issue by agreeing to "suspend" its education tax announced last August and published after the Soviet-American agreement last October. Regarding the "suspension" as significant, he summoned six senators--Senator Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R. Pa.); Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D. Mont.); Jacob K. Javits (R. N.Y.); George D. Aiken (R. Vt.); Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn.) and Jackson. All but Jackson and Ribicoff are Senate foreign relations committee members.

The president directed Dr. Henry Kissinger, his principal foreign policy advisor, to read two memoranda regarding Soviet "suspension" of the tax. Neither of the memoranda was signed. They were believed to be from Soviet authorities, but whether from the Soviet embassy or the Kremlin and to whom they were first given at the White House and by whom were not disclosed.

After hearing the president's presentation, Ribicoff appeared to shock Nixon by reportedly telling him bluntly: "Mr. President, there's nothing new in this. We have known about the suspensions for several weeks. But that in no way diminishes the need for passage of the Jackson Amendment." Published reports that the "suspension" information to the president came from Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev were declared to JTA as without substance.

As Minority Leader, Scott dutifully told the media of the president's presentation but an aide told JTA that the senator had not altered his own support of the Jackson Amendment. "The Jackson Amendment is still a necessary force to keep the pressure on the Soviet Union," the Scott aide said.

"All we have are words. We haven't seen any documents. The two documents read at the meeting don't seem to be operative. There may be a verbal agreement between the Soviet staff and the U.S. staff perhaps, but that is not a binding agreement."

Although no commitments were asked at the White House meeting, JTA was informed, Mansfield and Aiken, who have consistently opposed aid to Soviet refugees.

Senator Jackson

Deficit financing is problem for AJCS

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL–

Projected expenditures in 1973 compelled Allied Jewish Community Services to move into deficit financing for the second straight year, leaving reserve funds at a "dangerous" level.

"In 1972 we raised $430,000 more than in the previous year," said AJCS' Treasurer Marvin Corber, "and this difference has been directed to local needs.

"We had to draw on our contingency reserves to meet our recommended allocations. Fortunately, we are able to support the deficit financing of 1972 because of windfall income from government grants."

Corber said he is concerned about the use of reserve funds and he hopes this year's Combined Jewish Appeal campaign will be sufficient to meet local and overseas needs.

About 60 per cent of the total funds raised in 1972, or $6,069,000, was turned over to the United Israel Appeal--representing an increase of $154,214 over the previous year.

This year's allocations destined for local needs centred around the 'Y', Jewish education, and the Jewish General Hospital. The AJCS budget also placed significant emphasis on the Jewish Public Library, Hillel Foundation, and the Golden Age Association.

"Until three years ago, the 'Y' didn't receive any allocation from AJCS, but because of a great number of scholarship memberships, and a greatly expanded day camp program, the 'Y' needs additional funding," he said.

Corber, who has served four years as budget chairman in addition to his treasurer's post, said the 'Y' received in excess of $350,000 including the support of Neighborhood House and the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

The Day Camp Program is seen as an evolutionary solution to the dwindling camper population, the increase in senior citizen camping needs, and as a means to alleviate the high cost of summer camping.

AJCS also gave a first-ever allocation to a committee designed to meet Jewish education problems in the city. Some $60,000 was granted to the Joint Committee on Jewish Education--a body composed of Allied, Zionist, and Congress representatives.

Some members on the committee were disappointed with the alloted figure, saying the amount is too meagre to support a high-priority and urgent item.

Corber also said that the amount represents only a portion of the committee's needs, needs which are be-

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A gift for our Russian brethren

Smiling students from the Community Hebrew Academy and the junior high school of Associated Hebrew Schools celebrate the re-dedication of a Sefer Torah given to Russian Jews in Israel by the Ostrovtzer Congregation here. The torah scroll will be accompanied to Israel May 3 by 26 Grade 13 students from the academy who will spend five weeks attending an international program. Plans have been made for them to study on Kibbutz Sa'ad.

Reform day school plan is supported by survey

TORONTO–

After receiving 148 positive responses in a mail survey, a committee has decided to proceed with plans to build a Reform religious day school in Toronto to open in the fall of 1974.

Dr. Jack Levine, chairman of the Reform Day School Committee, told **The Canadian Jewish News** 1,800 letters were sent out at the end of last month asking Reform synagogue members whether they favor the project and would enrol their children in the school.

Levine termed the response in the mail survey "an enthusiastic one." Asked to elaborate, he said "anytime you get a 10 per cent response in a mail survey, that's pretty hefty."

There were 27 negative responses to the letter--most saying they were against the idea of a parochial school system or that they basically supported the public school system, said Dr. Levine.

Of the 148 positive responses, he said they averaged out to be parents with two children both under the age of six.

A general meeting will be held at the beginning of June to present, among other things, the preliminary design of the new school, he said. Time and place of the meeting will be announced shortly.

A dozen working committees have been set up under the steering committee to look into such areas as education methodology, teacher recruitment, school location, tuition and admission.

"We are recruiting staff immediately and plan to hire a director and assistant director as soon as possible," said Dr. Levine.

When the school opens in 1974, it will start off with kindergarten, grades one and two. Each year classes will be added until the full range of grade levels is achieved.

The day school, believed to be the first of its kind in Canada, has been under discussion for many years. "Seed money" of $30,000 for the preliminary steps has been provided by community leaders.

UN vote probably best Israel could get: Plaut

TORONTO–

The Security Council vote which condemned Israel for its raids into Lebanon but also condemned all recent acts of violence, was probably the best Israel could get, taking into account the present configuration of the council, in the view of Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut.

"But it is a far cry from being a just and equitable judgment," the senior rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple said, shortly before leaving Toronto for a visit to Israel. "What the public has to remember is that the United Nations is an extension of its members' power politics, not a forum where justice in the accepted sense can be obtained."

A Jerusalem dispatch quoted Foreign Minister Abba Eban as saying the 11 to 0 vote--with the U.S., Soviet Union, China and Guinea abstaining -- was a major setback for the Arabs. He was lavish in his praise of the U.S. which he credited with bringing about the least one-sided resolution on the Middle East in the Security Council's history.

Eban said the fact Russia, China and Guinea abstained from voting on the British-French resolution proved that this time "the Arab arguments were not accepted in their entirety, even by their allies."

Yosef Tekoah, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, said that the Security Council has demonstrated again that it could not deal equitably with questions pertaining to the Middle East.

The resolution "deeply deplored" all recent acts of violence resulting in the loss of life of innocent individuals and the endangering of civil aviation. This was the first direct criticism of Arab terrorists in a Security Council resolution and the factor that averted a U.S. veto.

Scientist claims socialism has become rigid, remote

By GARY WEISS
TORONTO–

After 25 years, socialism in Israel has developed into a rigid, remote, bureaucratic institution uninterested in the common worker -- a "closed circle of elites," Professor Haim Gunner told an audience at the Borochov Centre last Sunday.

Gunner said this situation is traceable to socialism's failure to seriously grapple with man's psychological needs and to deal with the relations of man to man and man to the state in a socialist society.

Gunner, of the faculty of environmental science of the University of Massachusetts, was a member of a panel reviewing Israel's first quarter century from a socialist perspective. The other speakers were Uri Zohar of York University's administrative studies faculty, Moshe Giladi, director of the school of education of the kibbutz movements, and Howard Buchbinder, editor of **Our Generation**.

While the panelists agreed that Israel has not achieved the socialist vision of equality, co-operation, freedom and mutual help, they differed on the causes of the failure and on possible remedies.

According to Gunner, sketchy ideology was at fault from the beginning. Socialist ideology, he said, spoke in very scanty detail. "It dealt only with generalities. It did not tell us about the quality of our lives under socialism, nor about the problems of aging and loneliness, nor about the problems of accessibility to bureaucracies, nor about the problems of rigidity which apply to socialist as well as capitalist institutions."

Gunner, who is secretary of the U.S. committee for Israel's environment, was particularly critical of Israel's concentration on material development to the exclusion of environmental concerns.

"The rapacity of development has destroyed the beaches of Tel Aviv, the coastal plain is in total ruin, the air is smog-ridden and the well - water is endangered. Socialism has brought in its wake the same ruination as that brought by capitalist states. We are in danger of destroying that which we came to build."

The necessary concern for security has created its own set of problems, said Gunner.

As examples, he pointed to the unhealthy idolization of so-called heroic youth, who are frequently unfeeling and arrogant; the glorification of the army; and the new relationship between socialist Jews who serve as exploiters and the Arabs who become the exploited.

"Our needs," he concluded, "are to graft what we know about human nature onto the socialist institution --to use psychological ideas to update socialism."

Buchbinder spoke of the transformation of the Zionist organization into merely a fund-raising organization--one whose goals are best served by heightening crisis and restricting self-criticism. But "survival of the state of Israel is not dependent on the absence of criticism," warned Buchbinder.

Giladi noted the deleterious effects of security necessities upon socialist ideals in Israel.

Unfortunately, the reality of wariness has had an influence on our whole ideology, he said. "We have become more nationalistic, more chauvinistic. But I am convinced that with peace the socialist premises will become dominant again."

Acknowledging the tremendous impact of the defence establishment and of the changes brought about by economic advancement, Zohar then unexplainedly called for a return to the principles of the first agricultural kibbutzim.

3 Jews detained in Moscow

NEW YORK–

Three Moscow Jews were detained by Soviet police the first day of Passover, as they were standing near the synagogue on Archipova Street and one of them--Arkady Sirotkin--was beaten by police, the American Jewish Congress learned in a telephone call to a leading Soviet Jewish activist in Moscow.

It was reported for the first time that Marina Temkin is in a children's camp in Tuaptse in Caucasia and that her father -- Alexander --who has been attempting to emigrate with his 14-year-old daughter to Israel over the objections of the mother from whom he is divorced--has been forbidden to travel outside of Moscow. This effectively bars Temkin from visiting his daughter, the AJC said.

The Congress also learned that Soviet Jewish prisoner-of - conscience Semion Grilius, who is serving time in a Russian prison, was placed in special confinement after publicly wearing a skullcap.

Another prisoner, Yuri Vudka, who is in the Perm Prison Camp, was prevented from seeing his relatives, the Jewish source reported. He also said that Yaacov Suslenskii, who is serving time in the Vladimirskaya prison camp, is suffering from gastric ulcers and heart trouble and has been refused medical care.

Supreme Court rules against Chief Rabbi

JERUSALEM (JTA)–

The Supreme Court has ruled that Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren's ruling in the Langer case has no effect on Abraham Borokovsky who is suing in a Petach Tikvah religious court to have his status as a Jew confirmed. The Supreme Court also ordered Rabbi Goren to hand over all documents pertinent to the case to the Petach Tikva court and to pay $250 toward the costs of Borokovsky's litigation.

The status of Borokovsky, a convert to Judaism, was placed in doubt by Rabbi Goren's ruling last year th, t Hanoch and Miriam Langer, the children of Borokovsky's first wife and her second husband, were not illegitimate and could marry their fiances. Goren's ruling, sanctioned by a nine - man religious court whose members have still not been identified, was based on evidence he said he had that Borokovsky's conversion to Ju-

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The 'Queen' arrives at Ashdod with its Passover visitors intact

TEL AVIV (JTA)–

The 65,800 ton Queen Elizabeth 2, the world's largest passenger liner, received a tumultuous welcome as she steamed into Ashdod, Israel's newest deep water port, with 620 passengers on a Passover cruise to Israel.

The threats of Arab terrorist action against the giant liner and the extraordinary security measures taken before and during the voyage appeared to be forgotten as thousands of spectators cheered on the dock, brass bands played, ships' whistles blasted and Ashdod's fire boat shot streams of water into the air. The huge Cunarder sailed from Southampton, England on a recent Sunday.

One of the passengers quipped, as he disembarked, that security was so tight during the trip that it almost, but not quite, prevented youngsters from stealing the afikomen during the Seder held aboard the liner. Israeli security services took over responsibility for the safety of the liner during the week she will remain in Israeli waters as a hotel for her passengers while they tour the country.

The ship's arrival was marred, however, by bitter complaints from Religious Affairs Minister Zerach Warhaftig and Israel's two chief rabbis, Shlomo Goren and Ovadia Yosef, that she was allowed to dock and disembark her passengers on the Sabbath. Warhaftig telegraphed Tourism Minister Moshe Kol and Transport Minister Shimon Peres urging them to have the docking postponed until after sundown or at least to force the passengers to remain aboard until them.

Peres was at Ashdod to welcome the liner in his offical capacity and to greet his wife and children who embarked at Lisbon. He told reporters, "we must respect the Sabbath of course, but nowadays ships or planes coming on Saturday should be allowed in. This is a modern country."

Professor Gunner

A medal and a citation for exemplary conduct in battle was awarded to Paul Schur, 27, on behalf of the Government of Israel, at a ceremony in the office of the Israel Consulate, Bloor St. The Consul General for Israel in Toronto, Shmuel Ovnat, congratulates the young man. Schur was a tank commander during the Six Day War and was wounded in the head during an engagement with Egyptian forces. Despite his injury, he stayed on as tank commander and refused to be evacuated until nightfall when he was taken to hospital.

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Zionists urge Nixon to find energy sources

NEW YORK–

The Zionist Organization of America, in a full six-column advertisement in **The New York Times**, urged that President Nixon initiate a "crash program" to develop "all possible domestic energy sources" and thereby relieve the United States' growing dependence on foreign oil - producing countries.

The ad, presented in the format of an "open letter" from Herman L. Weisman, president of the ZOA, to President Nixon, stated that reliance on oil - producing countries could expose America's "economy and foreign policy" to the "intolerable" situation of "interference by foreign governments."

"The oil-producing countries are amassing billions of dollars from the sale of petroleum to the United States," Weisman said in the letter, "and this gives them a lever to intervene in the direction of our economic developments to the detriment of our balance of trade and prosperity."

In calling for the immediate development of domestic energy sources, Weisman said this should include "synthetic fuels, solar and geothermal units and a network of atomic and thermonuclear power stations" capable of providing "an ample supply of energy for our industry and homes." He added, however, that "continuing surveillance must be maintained to safeguard the environment and the security of the population."

The ad also included a resolution adopted by the national executive committee, the ZOA's highest policy body, as follows:

"Noting that interested parties are exploiting the impending energy crisis in this country to campaign for a change of American policy in the Middle East and to re-orient it toward a submission to the Arab states in their own war against Israel; and deeming this a grave disservice to the national interests of the United States and as subverting our vital foreign policy interests in that area to the particular interests of foreign states, many of whom are aligned with powers who seek to weaken America's world position to the detriment of our economy, our defence posture, and our role in the world."

Mechanic sentenced to prison

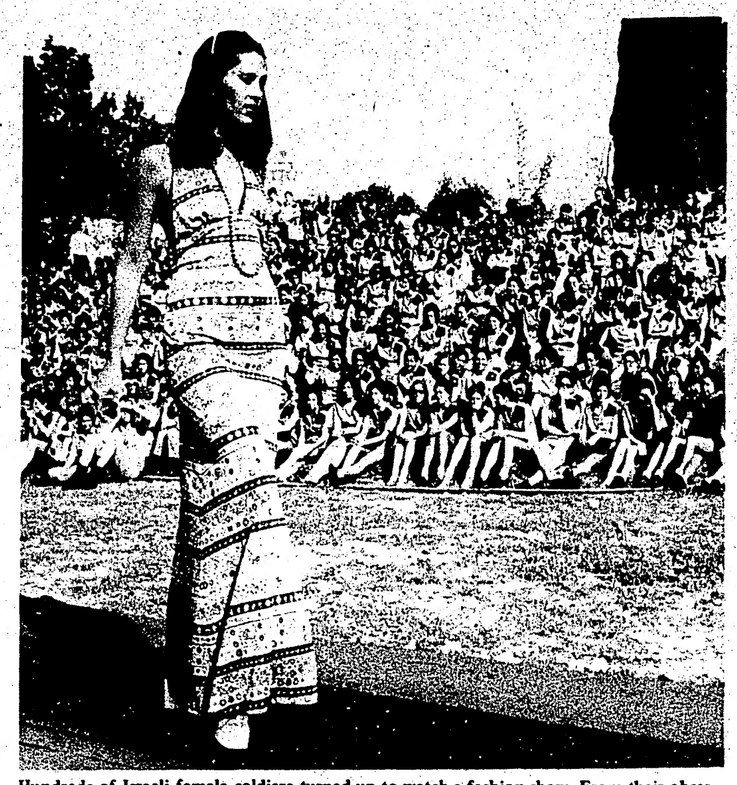
By ZEEV BEN SHLOMO
LONDON (JCNS)

Itzhak Shkolnik, 36-year-old Vinnitsa mechanic who was put on trial on charges including espionage for Israel, was found guilty. I received this news by telephone from Moscow the same day, writes Zeev Ben Shlomo, JCNS East Europe Correspondent. The military tribunal of the Carpathian Military Command, which heard the case in camera in Vinnitsa, sentenced Shkolnik, who had been in custody since last July, to 10 years' imprisonment on the espionage charge. He was sentenced to a further five years, to run concurrently, for allegedly disseminating "anti - Soviet propaganda."

According to reports from other Soviet Jewish sources, Shkolnik confessed to espionage because his officially appointed counsel told him that if he did not, he would be found guilty of treason, which carries the death penalty.

The court said that Shkolnik had collected information of a military nature and about industrial plants. He had also expressed a desire to leave the Soviet Union illegally, the court stated.

The judges said that the sentence passed on Shkolnik would have been heavier, but for the following facts: he had a clean record; he had confessed to the charges; he had a young child; he had aged parents.



Hundreds of Israeli female soldiers turned up to watch a fashion show. From their observant expressions, they seemed to enjoy the display of original creations. (IPPA Photo)

A nice smile, a pretty girl and a catchy outfit. A cameraman's delight.

Pretty, pig-tailed model shows off the latest in gymnasium clothing.

A single sheet holds this soldier's outfit together in a neat style.

New process may solve Israel's water problem

HAIFA (JCNS)–

A revolutionary process of desalinating sea water shown by Professor Abraham Kogan, its inventor, at the Technion, is expected to produce fresh water about 30 per cent cheaper than desalinating equipment now in use.

The capital and operational costs of the new process are also claimed to be lower than any existing plant.

Performance has already been approved by a pilot plant operating in Haifa Bay, and large installations capable of meeting for industrial needs can be built.

Several large overseas industrial concerns have expressed interest in the process. A second development stage is the production of a plant with the capacity of the equipment now used in Elath.

By the early 1980s with Israel's nuclear power plants in operation, 10 per cent of the country's water consumption could be obtained by desalination, Prof. Kogan said.

The main advantage of the new system, he pointed out, was the elimination of many miles of expensive alloy tubing used by conventional "flash" evaporation plants, thus reducing building costs by some 40 per cent.

Prof. Kogan's process, which was based on direct contact heat transfer, replaced the alloy tubing by cheap, exceptionally thin, plastic tubes.

The thermal driving force of the new system was much smaller than the "flash" plant, with pumps eliminated and the overall complexity reduced, thus cutting running costs, he said.

Alexander Goldberg, the Technion's outgoing president, said that the new process was one of the most important invented at the institution. "It may solve Israel's most pressing problem and alleviate water shortage all over the world."

The new system has been named after Prof. Kogan and David Rose, a New York property developer who contributed the money for the new plant.

Fulbright claims U.S. is subservient to Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA)–

Sen. J. William Fulbright claimed on the CBS **Face the Nation** television program that the Senate was "subservient" to Israel and prevented the administration from applying pressure on that country.

The Arkansas Democrat, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, said the U.S. possessed the leverage on Israel because "we supply all the wherewithal--or a major part of the wherewithal--to finance or to pay for everything Israel does." But, he added, this leverage could not be applied because "Israel controls the Senate."

Fulbright said, "The Senate is subservient to Israel, in my opinion much too much. We should be more concerned about the United States interest rather than doing the bidding of Israel. This is a most unusual development."

He also expressed opposition to the Jackson Amendment linking most-favored-nation treatment for the Soviet Union to the removal of emigration restrictions by that country. But Fulbright said the Senate would probably approve it. He said he had supported previous administration plans to achieve a Middle Eastern settlement, but Israel's objections were supported by the Senate.

"The great majority of the Senate of the United States--somewhere around 80 per cent--are completely in support of Israel, anything Israel wants. This has been demonstrated time and again and this has made it difficult for our government," Fulbright said.

Yiddish newspaper beset with financial problems

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)–

Di Yiddishe Zeitung, Buenos Aires' Yiddish daily, has resumed publication after suspending the two previous days for lack of funds.

The financially hard - pressed newspaper informed its readers that staff members were organizing a co-operative to take over publication and asked for financial assistance.

Dayan lashes out at Israeli doves; aims his shafts at foreign minister

TEL AVIV (JTA)–

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan delivered a blistering attack on the doves and singled out Foreign Minister Abba Eban for particularly scathing treatment.

Speaking at the closing session of the Labor Party secretariat which had been debating the future of the administered territories, Dayan said he was not shocked by the concept of "creeping annexation" applied in areas such as the environs of Jerusalem, Nebi Samwil, Kiryat Arba near Hebron, Gush Etzion and the Latrun salient, and the Kfar Saba region.

He called for more intensive settlement of these areas both by government and private initiative and for more Israeli investments in the administered territories to create more employment and improve the inhabitants' living standards.

During the debate, Premier Golda Meir castigated "some of our youth and academics" who question the moral foundations of Zionism. She said there was no comparison between the Jews, for whom Israel was the only chance of independence, freedom from persecution and the opportunity of self-expression, and the Palestinians. The Arabs had 18 states, she said, and the Palestinians had their future in Jordan where they already form 50 per cent of the population.

On military secure borders, Dayan stressed the importance of Israel's radar positions on the crests of the hills in the West Bank and Sinai. "I say to Eban: do not forget the hill tops," he said, noting that the air force was now the most vital part of Israel's deterrent and the radar posts its eyes and ears.

However, he added, he would be willing to trade some military security for a real political settlement, but would not advocate Israel's withdrawal from areas of Jewish settlement because these areas must be protected if Israelis are to live there and not just visit them as tourists.

In addition, Dayan said it was Israel's duty to help raise the living standard of the inhabitants by providing health, education and welfare services which it gave its own citizens. Israel must also create employment and industry on the West Bank and in Gaza, he said.

Missile boat successful in tests; other countries showing interest

HAIFA (JCNS)–

Israel's new 400-ton missile boat the Reshef (the Flash) launched in February has completed her sea trials with flying colors, Israel Libertovsky, the general manager of Israel Shipyards, her builders, said at the weekend.

She had fulfilled all the tests of seaworthiness, firepower and electronic control expected of her, he declared.

Israel Shipyards built the Reshef for about $1,300,000 less than the price quoted by a European yard which was ready to build these ships for Israel.

There is a similar saving for the Reshef's sister ship which is now being built.

Because of the favorable price and high technical standards, there was a chance that a "friendly country" would order similar missile ships from Israel Shipyards.

Other countries have expressed an interest but political considerations present obstacles.

With a speed of 32 knots and a complement of 45 officers and men, the Reshef is armed with seven Gabriel sea-to-sea missiles, two 76 mm guns, depth charges and other weapons. She is powered by four West German-made diesel engines.

A Norwegian company is drafting plans for expansion at Israel Shipyards to build ships, mainly tankers of between 30,000 and 200,000 tons. The plans provide for an investment of about $2,500,000.

The Israeli Government, which owns the shipyards, has been asked to provide part of this investment. The yards could then employ hundreds of immigrant engineers and skilled workers.

Wants $33,000

Orthodox group sues Newsday

NEW YORK (JCNS)–

A New York Orthodox group of Jews applied to the Federal Court in Brooklyn last week for the payment of $33,000 "compensatory damages" from **Newsday**, a newspaper published in Long Island.

The Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education of the Crown Heights district of Brooklyn (where many Chassidim live) alleged that **Newsday** refused to accept an advertisement which condemned intermarriage as "suicide, national and personal."

Rabbi Jacob J. Hecht, the committee's executive vice-president, said that **Newsday** was also accused of infringing the committee's constitutional rights of freedom of speech and religion.

The advertisement, which appeared in **The New York Times** and **The New York Post**, was rejected for publication by **Newsday** on February 1, the committee said in its complaint to the court.

Rabbi Jacob J. Hecht said that the rejection was a denial of freedom of speech and of the press and an abridgement of its right "to proselytize a basic tenet of the Jewish faith."

A **Newsday** spokesman said that the newspaper had not refused the advertisement but that the advertisement had been withdrawn by the complainant after **Newsday** had "made some recommendations about the content."

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In my view

By CHARLES LAZARUS

MONTREAL--

For many a long year, I had believed that all Lord Acton, that eminently classical British jurist left to posterity, was the homily about power corrupting and absolute power corrupting--absolutely.

Now, I'm told, that there was a coda which His Lordship added to the power point:

"There is no worse heresy," he said, "than that the office sanctifies the holder of it."

Watergate notwithstanding, and Richard Nixon's arrogant refusal to pay attention to Lord Acton, I bring up the point about the sanctification of office and elevation of its holder, on the occasion of the otcial opening May 4 of the new Allied Jewish Community Services nerve centre.

The building's official designation is Cummings House, named after the two senior brothers, Nathan and Maxwell of the prominent Cummings family.

Nate and Mac, as they are familiarly known, have been more than generous with their contributions, in terms of dollars and dreams, and the Jewish community far beyond the frontiers of Montreal, surely shares both in their simchah and naches.

Beyond making this sophisticated structure of social services available to the community, however, which will undoubtedly now become a source of envy for social scientists who believe in coordinated, centralized efficiency, the Cummings brothers may have unwittingly created an interesting challenge to the Montreal professionals at AJCS--a challenge which will be carefully watched by professionals in many other cities.

It is that, to apply Lord Acton's dictum, the new Allied Jewish Community Services-Cummings House, in human terms, must carefully guard against corrupting its Judaic ideals because, symbolically, it represents the essence of the power structure; and symptomatically its physical impact on those who work there, could create a new kind of elitism and isolation from the mainstream of the community.

There is nothing secret about the fact that, in recent months, communities such as Toronto and Winnipeg, to say nothing of Montreal as well as a host of others across North America, have been doing a lot of soul-searching as to the "division of labor" (if you want to get into the social work jargon) of the various community institutions.

More particularly is the philosophical confrontation already in evidence between the welfare and the cultural structures, to be blunt about it, such as Allied Jewish Community Services and the Canadian Jewish Congress' Eastern Region.

One school of thought representing the welfare services argues that a centralized community structure calls for everything, or almost everything to land on the AJCS desk; the other school says that Congress, which has sacrificed not a few areas of its specialized interests because of administrative and organizational flaws, should be the organization mainly concerned with culture, education, public relations and high-level contact with government.

I would think that an historic and auspicious occasion such as the dedication of the Allied Jewish Community Services-Cummings House is a most appropriate time to start heeding Lord Acton anew.

Plight of senior citizens drew Goldrick into politics

TORONTO-

Growing old in a rapidly changing world is hard enough, but when economic problems and physical limitations are added, it makes the twilight years something to be endured rather than enjoyed for many of our elderly citizens who subsist on the fringe of an affluent society, according to Toronto Alderman Michael Goldrick.

Ald. Michael Goldrick

Knowledgeable and an active participant in dealing with the problems of the elderly, Goldrick will be the keynote speaker at the upcoming three - day conference sponsored by the Association of Senior Clubs, to be held May 13-15 at the North End branch YM - YWHA. The conference is being organized by Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly, a division of the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

The plight of senior citizens was the chief reason behind Goldrick's decision to plunge into the political arena. On sabbatical from his position as associate professor of political science at York University, Goldrick is serving his first term as alderman representing Ward 3 in west central Toronto.

Goldrick is a graduate in economics from the University of British Columbia and received his PhD from the London School of Economics. In Toronto since 1962, he has been personally involved in trying to get the elderly in his own neighborhood to organize and speak out for themselves.

The alderman was responsible for getting a LIP grant in his ward for Senior Citizens to provide services not covered by traditional agencies. It is run by the elderly, themselves.

"The grant works in the areas of friendly visiting, transportation, a shopping service, recreational outings and provides an opportunity for people to get to know each other and discuss mutual problems," Goldrick explained. "It also provides a forum in the demand for more senior citizen housing which is in short supply throughout Metro."

Alderman Goldrick feels this grant is just one small step in the right direction. He would like to see more government funding for the elderly on a continuing basis.

"The LIP grants operate only for six months and then we have to re-apply for an extension," he said. "There should be something of a more permanent nature. The elderly should learn from the young and protest loud and clear. That seems to be the best way to get your needs across to the community... and from my dealings with the elderly I know they are capable of doing just that."

In a society which accentuates youth, "we tend to simply shuffle off the elderly and forget them," Goldrick said. "With more power and a more aggressive stance, our senior citizens will no longer allow us that luxury."

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Western Jews urged to curtail lavish affairs by chairman Hakashruth group

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO-

Before World War I, Rabbi Yehuda Graubuert--a very learned man who at one time lived in Toronto--suggested that Jewish communities not buy fish on the Shabbat and send the money saved to help Jewish communities being destroyed in Russia.

In 1973, Rabbi Gedalia Felder, chairman of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, suggests that affluent Jews in the West curtail some courses at their simchas and send the money saved to help resettle Russian Jews in Israel.

According to Rabbi Felder this issue goes much deeper than social concern, for "judaism tended to always oppose ostentatious display." And he cites numerous examples to support his thesis.

In the second century C.E., burial rights were made uniform among the rich and poor; in 823, in Germany, there was a limit placed on the number of parties one could attend; in 1418, in Bologna, women were forbidden to spend too much money on clothing and jewelry, and other rules were made governing expenditures for simchas, and between 1418 and 1760, in such places as Morocco, Berlin, Frankfurt, Castilla, Prage, Mantua, Venice, Ancona, and various places in Russia, rules were put forth governing expenditures at simchas, as well as the maximum number of people to invite.

And from the Talmud comes the Jewish law forbidding one to throw out food which humans can eat. But, as Rabbi Felder explains, "In those years, the Jewish community had power over the Jewish people. If they did not obey, they were fined."

When Jewish immigrants first came to North America, they were poor and there was no need for such rules. But times have changed, and as Rabbi Felder states: "It is my personal feeling that the rabbis of today should, at this time, appeal to the communities in North America and discourage large and especially very expensive and lavish weddings and bar mitzvahs. (Lavish bar mitzvahs are a North American invention.) Caterers and synagogue administrations are particularly at fault for these expensive affairs that I personally feel should not be held. Synagogues should be synagogues, not big restaurants."

He points out another problem. "I also see in it the poor being unable to follow the rich, sometimes forcing parents to mortgage their homes or make big loans in order to marry off a child."

He feels that "a lot of this money is going to waste and could be used for Jewish education which is the best investment people can make."

Rabbi Felder points out that in Toronto there is one method of putting some money for a simcha to good use. The Jewish National Fund has a service that loans centrepieces for a minimum $250 donation. Their fruit tree shape is symbolic of Israel. They come with a card which, in poetic form, informs the guests that a donation is being made to Israel. According to Mrs. Ethel Zemell.

A very special second Seder night

TORONTO-

It was a long trek from Lambert Lodge in midtown Toronto to north Bathurst Street, but to the elderly stooped gentleman it was well worth the tremendous effort it took for him to dress and take the 10-mile drive from his "home" to spend one evening with his fellow Jews.

He joined more than 200 men and women in celebrating the second Seder night of Passover at the Bathurst Street Council House. Organized for the second successive year for the Association of Senior Clubs by the Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly through the auspices of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, it was an evening filled with warmth and good fellowship.

Thirty tables, each one set with candles, white cloth, matzos, Passover wine and Haggadahs, created the atmosphere of a big family Seder. An unexpected highlight was the presence of eight-year-old Ramona Carmelly, who asked the "Four Questions." Ramona, a student at Bialik Hebrew School, accompanied her mother Felicia, a social worker on staff with the Jewish Family and Child Service, who with several others, volunteered her services for the evening.

Neither the size of the room nor the large gathering in any way detracted from the overall intimacy of the proceedings. An informal service was conducted by Dan Tor, an Israeli newcomer to Toronto, and David Foreman. They later led a singing and dancing session after the dinner.

At one table there was a representative group from the Hebrew Club for the Blind. Although they couldn't read from the Haggadah, they joined in the singing and the general spirit of the Seder.

Among the elderly attendance was a young girl crippled as well as blind. For her it was an eventful evening. It was the first time she had ever gone outside her own home for a Seder. Worried she might miss the beginning of the service, she arrived two hours early.

For many of those who came it afforded them an opportunity to enjoy good food and camaraderie without the worry of having to cope with shopping and food preparation. For others it meant not spending a Seder night all alone in a room with nowhere to go.

The full attendance and success of the Seders points out the vital needs they answer in a Jewish community with an increasingly expanding elderly population, said an official of the Jewish Welfare Fund.

Artist's exhibition in capital

OTTAWA-

An outstanding exhibition of the works of 27 leading Israeli artists will open on Monday evening, April 30, at 8:30, in the Salon of the National Arts Centre. The entire community is invited.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Zeev Vered, chairman of the anniversary committee, announced Finance Minister John Turner will participate in the program at the Opera of the National Arts Centre, on Sunday, May 6, at 8:15 p.m. The internationally-famed Ayalons will entertain. Singing and folk-dancing for all will follow.

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising commemoration will take place at Congregation Beth Shalom at 3:00 p.m. The program will include remarks by Avram Zalmanson, uncle of Sylva, Wolf, and Israel Zalmanson, and of Edward Kutznesov, prisoners of conscience who are serving long terms in a Soviet jail for an alleged hijacking attempt. Zalmanson who is seeking their release, has just conducted a hunger-strike before the UN in New York.

'Girls are less Jewish'

CALGARY-

Canadian teenagers are becoming less and less Jewish all the time -- and the girls are leading the way, according to a study recently released by a sociologist at the University of Calgary.

Asghar Fathi obtained his findings by distributing questionnaries to middle class children aged 10-19 who were affiliated with some form of Jewish activity.

Among other things, in the study which has since been published in a U.S. sociological quarterly, he found:

--The child's circle of friends is less Jewish than his parents' circle of friends.

--The older the youngster gets the less he prizes Jewish norms.

--Fewer girls than boys prefer Jewish norms.

Fathi blames the tendency of Judaism to assign social and religious roles only to males for most of the disenchantment felt by the teenage girls.

He added that the girls who have "only" wife and mother roles in their lives, lack the support from clubs and publications that boys have.

Fathi suggested in his study that what is needed to stem the trend are close-knit, strong Jewish communities to meet the social and emotional needs of the Jewish people.

80 Montrealers will attend celebrations

MONTREAL-

A party of 80 Montreal Jews will represent Canada's largest Jewish community at the official Independence Day celebrations in Jerusalem May 7. The party will be co-led by Combined Jewish Appeal General Chairman Simon Cobrin and Assistant Chairman Cecil Pascal.

A place of honor in the reviewing stands has been set aside for the Montreal group which, formed as a Study Mission, will spend two weeks in the Jewish state during their visit.

Meetings in Israel will include sessions with such leading figures as Prime Minister Golda Meir, and Foreign Affairs Minister Abba Eban.

Appoint director

WINNIPEG-

Gerald C. Lasensky, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Winnipeg since Sept. 4, 1972, has been appointed executive director of the new Winnipeg Jewish Community Council.

The new council was formed by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Winnipeg and the Western Region of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Meanwhile, the retirement was announced of Abe Arnold, longtime Western Regional executive director of Congress. Arnold will concentrate on researching and writing Canadian Jewish history.

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Members of the Knesset toast President-Elect Dr. Ephraim Katzir after he was elected. Newsmen stand by for interviews.

Brothers held similar views

President-elect will carry on task of liberalizing science

The brothers Katchalsky -- one the president-elect of Israel and the other a victim of the Lod massacre last May--were bound not only by ties of blood but by a deep belief in the need to humanize science and adapt it to the requirements of today's society.

Aharon Katzir-Katchalsky, one of Israel's most distinguished scientists and head of Polymer Research at the Weizmann Institute, died in the Lod bloodbath, one of the victims of the Japanese fanatics hired by Arab terrorists. He had just returned from a scientific symposium in Germany.

His brother Ephraim, who adopted the traditional name of Katzir when elected to the presidency, is internationally known for his work in biophysics. The brothers shared common interests and viewpoints, and this is strikingly illustrated in articles which appeared in scientific journals.

Some months before he died at the hands of paid assassins, Aharon Katzir-Katchalsky wrote in **Science and Public Affairs**. "... as long as we (the scientists) are not ready to put our hands in the dirty water of human affairs directly, as long as we scientists continue to stay isolated in our ivory towers and pronounce weighty statements deus ex machina... we will have no influence and our message will carry no weight. Moreover, we will have to carry the burden of responsibility for the consequences of our own deeds, which we did not succeed in integrating into a decent human way of living."

The noted scientist declared it was up to the scientists to adapt themselves now, to the needs of contemporary mankind. Scientific education, he wrote, "is no more a matter for the elite, but is a major social enterprise."

If science is to survive, he warned, there must arise a group of pioneering scientists who can show how to humanize science and help on synthesizing human needs and scientific development "and help mankind move toward the promised land."

In **Rehovot**, the magazine published by the Weizmann Institute, his brother, Ephraim, who will assume the presidency of Israel next month, took part in a question and answer symposium which disclosed views very similar to those of Aharon. He called for more planning on which branches of science should be stressed, asserting that the time has come for the government to start to formulate national priorities. A new type of scientist may be produced, one with whom the public will be able to identify more readily, and one of whom it will really approve.

Calling for more involvement by scientists in public life, Dr. Katchalsky said if Israeli scientists want to avoid the situation in which their U.S. colleagues find themselves as a result of not becoming sufficiently involved in public affairs, then they must move quickly. They must establish teams of engineers and scientists who are intimately involved in government and anxious as well as able to deal with problems such as irrigation and desalination, power and industrialization, automation and so forth.

"To be effective," he wrote, "these teams must comprise bright, vigorous talented young scientists who are willing to put themselves and their brains at the nation's disposal--even though their image may perhaps be somewhat less glamorous and their status somewhat less lofty than ours."

Aharon Katzir-Katchalsky's life ended at 58, and scientists and laymen alike mourned the passing of a man who embodied in his career the spirit of free inquiry and search for knowledge.

In an editorial published shortly after the Lod massacre, the magazine **Rehovot** said of him: "... he did not die senselessly; he fell defending his right, and ours, to travel, to meet with others, to work and to teach. He will not do these things any longer--but we will, for him."

One who will continue to work for the realization of these goals is the brother who soon will be Israel's president. His stature is internationally recognized and he will continue the tradition of combining statesmanship with science established by Israel's first president, Chaim Weizmann.

It is an interesting possibility that the new president may usher in a significant era of change with respect to the role of the president. Ephraim Katchalsky, or Katzir as he will be known henceforth, is not likely to relish a purely ceremonial position. Whether he can invest the office of presidency with a degree of authority that has always been denied by the terms of the constitution, is something that is exciting wide discussion in Israel.

Suspension not enough

Let Russia demonstrate good faith by abandoning nefarious head tax

If the Russians are not playing a devious game with world opinion over the vicious head tax levied on educated Jews wishing to emigrate to Israel, why do they not come out and say the tax has been rescinded instead of blandly talking about its suspension?

The latest assurance to Washington has come in the form of a written pledge to none other than President Nixon. If words mean anything--and the Russians are just as careful as Western politicians about what they put in writing--the head tax is still very much in the wings, ready to be brought back on stage whenever the Soviet Union decides the time is appropriate. And that time, we suggest, will be right after President Nixon affixes his signature to the all-important trade treaty with Russia.

It is obvious that the Soviet Union miscalculated the strength of U.S. public opinion over its denial of the basic right of individuals to move freely and without hindrance from one country to another. The Kremlin has finally realized that the trade agreement it desperately needs may never come to pass unless there is another retreat from Moscow. Realists that they are, the Russians are attempting to placate an angry Congress by the assurance that all is well and the head tax has been suspended. But if Democratic Senator Henry Jackson, the author of the anti-Soviet bloc, has his way, the Soviet Union will have to abandon the "suspension" ploy and rescind the tax.

The trade package is a two-way deal as far as benefits are concerned, but the Russians need the goodies far more than does the United States, intent as that country is on improving its world position. Enough information has leaked out of the USSR to tell economists in the Western world that the industrial complex, with some exceptions, is not functioning properly and needs drastic surgery to rid it of bureaucratic inefficiency. The proposed trade agreement with the U.S. would stimulate the Soviet economy by lowering tariffs and granting extensive trade credits, giving the Soviet Union most-favored-nation status.

Even abandonment of the head tax is not the whole answer to the problems of Russian Jewry. A total reversal of the Soviet position with respect to the tax would be a moral victory, but it does not follow that exit visas would be given freely to all Jews who wish to emigrate. The Russians have not built a wall to keep its Jews from leaving, as East Germany did to stop East Berliners from deserting to the West, but it has adopted other means to achieve the same objective. Economic harassment, imprisonment on trumped-up charges, confinement to asylums and a general downgrading of Jews who evince the slightest interest in Israel, these and other tactics have been utilized.

The Russian brand of concern for the common man is a strange commodity. While the leaders of that nation talk about individual freedom and the right of self-determination, while continuing to assail the Western world for its capitalistic oppression of the working class, it keeps its Jews in bondage.

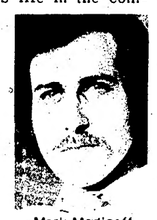
We think the day is nearing when the ancient cry of "let my people go" will be answered affirmatively. To us in the West, "next year in Jerusalem" has lost its traditional significance, for we are in Jerusalem, free to come and go as we choose. But for Russian Jewry it is still a dream awaiting realization.

Danger of losing its spiritual centre confronts the Jews of Quebec City

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

QUEBEC CITY-

The Beth Sholem Synagogue is the spiritual centre of religious life in the community. Founded in 1852 in the Lower Town of Quebec City, the synagogue was rebuilt twice over the years, until it moved to Upper Town, where it planted new roots in 1952.



Mark Medicoff

In 1831, however, the Jewish community was officially recognized by an act of Parliament when it was granted permission to register births, marriages and deaths.

The almost entirely Catholic Quebec City is noted for its numerous and highly aesthetic churches. The city, in fact, shelters more cathedrals than Rome. In the 1930s, nation-wide interest was raised when the city council of Quebec City refused to grant synagogue leaders permission to rebuild the temple--asserting that the real desire of the Jews was to have two synagogues.

In the '30s, the synagogue was located in Lower Town, a decrepit structure in the midst of a slum area far removed from the Jewish population residing in Upper Town.

By 1943, after 10 years of controversy, the conflict finally reached the Superior Court of Quebec, and synagogue leaders were granted permission to build the structure in Upper Town--on the city's mountain at a higher altitude than most of the churches.

Now the community is in danger of losing its spiritual centre, not as a result of outside forces, but because the congregation will be too small to support the high maintenance costs.

"We have a pessimistic attitude of what will happen to the synagogue. Where will we get the income over the next years to maintain it, and where will we get the money to afford a rabbi and teacher," said Dr. Clarence Rosenhek, the community's elder statesman and synagogue co-president.

"I believe it is the responsibility of other larger and more wealthier communities. In the past, UIA has come to draw on the financial resources of our community for use elsewhere. Moreover, our members are moving away to the larger centres where they now direct their money.

"They should help us survive, otherwise we will see the disintegration of an Orthodox community." Dr. Rosenhek reported that the community's only butcher has recently retired, and now the congregation is forced to import its meat from Montreal at substantially higher prices.

Beth Sholem's spiritual leader, Rabbi Samuel Prager, has been with the synagogue for over six years, after serving for many years with congregations in small cities in the United States. Rabbi Prager also teaches the 11 students who attend the Talmud Torah afternoon classes.

The only time in the last 50 years that the community was without a spiritual leader occured during the three years preceding Rabbi Prager's installation, when the synagogue was led by the cantor.

The bilingual rabbi says he finds the developments in Quebec City to be frustrating since "a lot of people have relatives in Montreal and they often go there to celebrate the holidays or family simchas."

He reported, that on the average, about 10 per cent of the community attends weekend prayers in a synagogue that houses over 300 seats. "People like to have fun, skiing in the winter or golfing in the summer. It's hard to come to shul to sit and learn. People are always on the go... it's very hard to get them together.

"But whoever is here," he said firmly, "they should be able to get as much from Judaism--in the full sense of the word--as they want."

Rabbi Prager believes the Quebec City community has the same problem with intermarraige as any other Jewish community. He reported three recent cases of girls marrying Jewish men, but these young women, he says, have integrated quite remarkably into the Jewish community.

Despite the many problems confronting Quebec City's Jewish community, members have remained firm to the values of Jewish continuity. Unless financial assistance is extended to the community in the years to come, resentment will run high, and a sharp sting to the ideals of Judaism will be felt across the nation.

Second of two articles

Streets that once pulsed with life obliterated by invaders' savagery

By SAM LIPSHITZ

Streets can have a life of their own, too.

There were such streets in a section of Warsaw, Poland. They pulsated with life. They were a centre of Jewish learning and cluture, breeding grounds of Jewish initiative. Along these streets there lived and walked 300,000 Jews--workers and students, Orthodox scholars and modern thinkers, cobblers and merchants, political leaders and men who were completely absorbed in their studies. The many-sided picture of Jewish life in pre-war Poland was mirrored in this teeming diversity of atmosphere, custom and thought.

These streets are no more. Landmarks of Jewish history have vanished. Houses of learning and worship have been obliterated. The world famous Tlomatska synagogue has been reduced to rubble. Its walls will never again resound to the chants and melodies of Koussewitsky, Sirota and others of the world's greatest cantors.

The streets of the ghetto a visitor saw immediately after the war were dead and silent. For blocks around there was nothing but piles of debris visible to the eye. Mountains of brick and mortar have stained the district red. Underneath all this horror and destruction, there was an added macabre note: buried below the surface were hundreds of victims of the Nazi marauders, unknown and unidentified.

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Yet, in these streets of death and annihilation, monuments of Jewish heroism were to be found.

They were not, to be sure, erected of marble and stone. They were monuments of a different kind--shattered Nazi tanks, overturned armored cars, destroyed machineguns and fragments of Nazi planes shot down by rifles. They were monuments inscribed in blood and tempered in the fire of struggle.

These then were the true monuments to the unknown thousands of Jewish heroes who took on, in unequal combat, the "invincible" Wehrmacht, waging a battle which has already become one of the noblest chapters in humanity's struggle for freedom. When future historians, looking back across the decades at the event record it, they can award it no finer epitaph than that penned by a great Polish writer who saluted the fighters of the Warsaw Ghetto as "heroes who fought and died in the defence of the dignity of man in a holy cause."

Zero hour came on the first night of Passover--the night of the first Seder--April 19, 1943.

Late at night, under shelter of darkness, arrayed in battle formation, armed with rifles and machineguns, equipped with the best and most modern means of murder, the Nazis marched into the ghetto. At the head of the march were armored cars.

They expected their assignment to be over in little more than an hour. Were not the Jews preoccupied at their Seder tables?

This is Warsaw Ghetto Uprising 1943, a drypoint engraving by Chaim Goldberg currently on display at the Washington Smithsonian Institution. Goldberg was born in Poland.

The Jews weren't. They were at their battle posts.

The first battle lasted 10 hours. And the miracle of the ghetto happened. The Nazis withdrew. They had been driven back by the very people whom they demeaned as "spineless" and "cowards." The first encounter between the well-armed, seasoned and "invincible" Nazi soldiers and the poorly equipped Jewish guerilla fighters ended in a defeat for the Nazis.

For 43 days after that the battles raged.

First came the machineguns. The ghetto fighters stood fast.

Then came the tanks. But gasoline-filled bottles, flung by starving, ill-armed Jews, stopped them.

Then came the artillery.

Cannon fire rained on the ghetto. Airplanes dropped bombs. But the men, women and children of the ghetto did not yield. They had vowed that as long as a single Jew remains alive in the ghetto, the Nazis will not pass.

On the 43rd day, the last Jewish post fell. But no one surrendered.

For months afterward detonations rocked the ghetto, as surviving Jews who managed to hide in the cellars, sewers and catacombs carried on the fight.

Infuriated, the Nazis hunted down these survivors from house to house. To make sure that no one would escape, the Fascists dynamited every last structure that somehow managed to remain.

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On a post-war trip to Warsaw, I visited the ghetto. I stood amid the rubble and destruction, looking at what had once been a nerve centre of Jewish life.

No words can describe the sorrow and agony that sears one's heart at the sight of such base brutality and inhumaneness.

But mingled with the sorrow, one feels a sense of great pride. Standing there, one felt inspired by the vision of young men and women, who, standing atop ruined buildings, in the shadows of smouldering fires, proudly and resonantly proclaimed--in words written in blood--a great truth to the whole world.

"Those who fought for the dignity of man and for the future of the people, will live forever."

It was their finest hour.

ask the rabbi

The powers of beth din explained

1. What is the obligation of a person summoned by a beth din to appear before it for a din Torah? Is a beth din's decision in a din Torah binding?

RESPONSE:

The traditional Jewish position is that a person summoned by a beth din to appear before it must do so and that a beth din's decision in a din Torah is binding. In fact there are instances in the Talmud and in later Jewish literature of the beth din availing itself of the right to exercise correction—by means such as the ban—upon those who disregarded its decisions and who refused to attend when summoned. The problem is, however, somewhat complicated in a large city in which there are a number of batey din. The procedure here is for the individual to acknowledge the authority of the beth din appointed and recognized by his own community.

2. Why do Jews not burn incense during prayers as is the custom with other faiths? We are told that "sweet savors" are particularly acceptable to God.

RESPONSE:

There is a well known rabbinic comment seeking to avoid the anthropomorphism, that the "sweet savors" referred to in connection with the sacrifices is the satisfaction which God, as it were, receives when His creatures do His bidding. In the temple incense was burned. The medieval commentators understand the command to burn incense in the temple as being for man's sake not God's. The fragrance of the incense helped to promote suitable feelings of elevation and spirituality among those who assembled in the holy place.

We can only guess why the practice of burning incense was not followed in the synagogue. In all probability it was both because of the specially sacred nature of worship in the temple, so that any imitation outside the temple was avoided, and because it resembled so strongly the practice of the Church. However, it is not unknown among some Chassidim to smoke perfumed cigarettes before prayers in the stiebl and this is referred to as ketoret, the biblical word for incense.

Israel's new president

A man of principle

By J.B. SALSBERG

The Knesset has duly elected Israel's fourth president, to replace Zalman Shazar on May 23rd. The choice has been Dr. Ephraim Katchalsky, a world famous biophysicist, who changed his name to Katzir (harvest).

To be sure the president-elect is a man of many parts and the possessor of many glittering records of achievement in his service to science and to the state of Israel. But that is not the reason why the news of his election raised my spirits.

Of course he is a renowned scientist whose fame reached the entire scientific world. But so was Israel's first illustrious president, Dr. Chaim Weizmann. A fourth president of the Weizmann mould would hardly excite my expectations in the year 1973.

Dr. Ephraim Katzir's colossal contribution to the defence capabilities of Israel is surely a good reason for holding him in high esteem. He headed the scientific branch of the Israeli army and was chief scientific adviser to the army and government just prior to the Six Day War. But that record alone, worthy as it may be, would hardly qualify him for the presidency and I, for one, would, in such a case, remain unstirred by his election.

What did excite me at the news of Katzir's elevation and what fired my expectation was the humanity and the high moral standards of the man that was chosen.

Dr. Ephraim Katzir will bring to the presidency what Israel is in dire need of at this crucial time. He will bring a record of unswerving dedication to the loftiest moral and ethical values of our people. Next to defence a militant dedication to historical ideals and ethical principles is the greatest treasure that a new president of Israel can bring to his people. And there are those who would argue that what Katzir has to offer is equal, if not more important than defence capability...

While Yitzhak Ben Aharon, the fiery leader of the Histadrut Labor Federation, cries out against the widening gulf between rich and poor in Israel and demands a return to the ethical principles of the pioneering Halutsic movement and while Abba Eban, Israel's foreign minister (Labor), publicly bemoans Israel's present "spiritual map" the president-elect said recently: "He who wants to be a light unto the Gentiles, must begin with the standards of life here in Israel." I like these words and I like the man who uttered them. I like such a man for the presidency of Israel at this time.

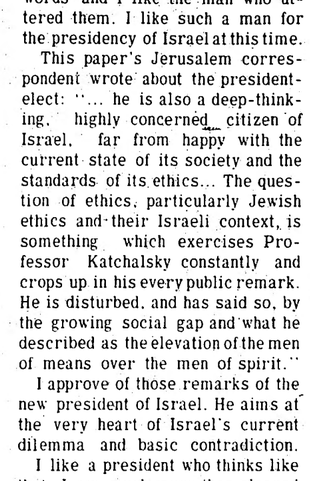
This paper's Jerusalem correspondent wrote about the president-elect: "... he is also a deep-thinking, highly concerned citizen of Israel, far from happy with the current state of its society and the standards of its ethics... The question of ethics, particularly Jewish ethics and their Israeli context, is something which exercises Professor Katchalsky constantly and crops up in his every public remark. He is disturbed, and has said so, by the growing social gap and what he described as the elevation of the men of means over the men of spirit."

I approve of those remarks of the new president of Israel. He aims at the very heart of Israel's current dilemma and basic contradiction.

I like a president who thinks like that. I am much more than pleased that he speaks out about such matters at every occasion. It is my belief that the principles he expounds contain the remedies that Israel needs badly now.

And so, my good people: let us--as they now do at every bar mitzvah and wedding -- "charge our glasses" and say a hearty Lechaim to president-elect Dr. Ephraim Katzir of Israel. Lechaim!

But uncle Eliezer wants to add: "And may his banner of principles flutter in the wind, high over his official residence, so that all who have eyes may see them and all who are redeemable may gather behind that banner." To all of which I say, Amen.



J. B. Salsberg

There came a day when mayor's 'twin' didn't return from winter vacation

By HORACE BROWN

The visitors to the corridors of the old city hall would stop dead, then walk up to the white-haired, dignified-looking man and pump his hand.

"Just wanted to shake your hand, Mr. Mayor," the visitor would say, and the "Mayor" would smile benignly and send the well-wisher on his way happy.

It is rumored that Nathan Phillips, the mayor of all the people, was not always happy to be mistaken for his look-alike, Sam Burke. The physical resemblance was amazing, but it stopped with that. While any other resemblance was purely coincidental, one thing they had in common was that they both were Jewish.

While the acme of bonhomie, Nat Phillips was always conscious of the dignity of his office. As is well known, Nate was not above making bloopers, some monumental, and some, I am convinced from personal observation, deliberate. But just let his dignity be challenged in any unseemly fashion and the wrath of an essentially kindly man was something to behold.

On the other hand, his "twin," Sam Burke, couldn't have cared less about what anyone thought of him. Sam was a hanger-on at the old city hall, who practically lived in the reporters' quarters and sometimes, it is said by those who knew him best, slept on the desks at night. He was always available to go for coffee, to do odd jobs, to be the joe-boy.

His existence was precarious but, to him, enjoyable. He never caged a thing to my knowledge, except the passes given to members of council for the various racetracks. Sam would "borrow" these treasured bits of cardboard, and "rent" them out at a nominal charge to his cronies, who, like himself, had a taste for horseflesh when it was running.

Sam Burke was something else: Sam Burke was my friend. More specifically, while he gave evidence of thinking a lot of me, he literally worshipped my wife. When he came to our home for dinner, he was one of the family. He was also a gentleman we were proud to have in our home. While he may not have had much in the way of worldly status, he had a fund of stories and experiences that would enliven and embroider any evening.

It was during election time that Sam Burke came into his full glory. While he did some work for me in a couple of campaigns, his whole aim was to elect Bill Dennison to whatever office Bill happened to be running for. The sound of Sam's staple gun rang loud in the night, as Dennison signs blossomed everywhere. His hours were long and arduous and the monetary returns negligible but he had no complaint as long as Bill Dennison was elected. Bill, of course, did not let him down.

Every winter, as with the birds, Sam Burke went south, although his migration was later in an election year. He had a daughter down there somewhere in Texas but the Hialeah racetrack in Miami was his magnet.

When the birds returned, so did Sam. He was always laden with little things for my wife. We still treasure some charming ornaments designed by his talented daughter. Sam wanted to share what little he had with his friends.

I was sure Sam would be listening.

There was a winter Sam did not come back. He was in his 70s and becoming frailer all the time. I believe he knew it was to be his last trip because before he left, he brought me his proudest possession.

"Use it," he said, "if I can't."

So for two more elections, Sam's staple gun rang out in the cold of winter nights, tacking up Brown signs. When I heard it,

In the 1972 election, Sam's staple gun and the writer both came to the end of their political ways. I did not lose the election because I ran out of staples for Sam's gun and could not find any more in Toronto, but it was an omen Sam would have understood.

"They don't make staples or guns like that any more," the biggest supplier told me regretfully. "That was one of the best."

I could say the same thing about Sam Burke.

Rabbi declares article on religion filled with distortions, inaccuracies

Dear Editor:

I am extremely disturbed by Royston Allen's inaccurate and grossly misleading report on the Lindsay affair (**CJN**, April 6). I hope it was inadvertently, but the article is filled with, and tends to lend credence to, the crude distortions and ignorant misinterpretations so often voiced by the so-called Hebrew Christians and other missionaries in their soul-snatching campaigns. Thus I beg your indulgence to correct the more offensive passages.

1. As for the Lindsay affair in general: last summer I personally submitted to my Israeli contacts some confidential documents I had obtained, which revealed missionary associations and activities of the Lindsays, and these set off the subsequent investigation and exposure.

2. As for who can be regarded a bona fide member of the Jewish faith, this is determined by Halacha only and not by journalists. From the Torah point of view, to accept Jesus--whether as a Divine incarnation, the Messiah, or as a legitimate prophet--is a capital offense and tantamount to excommunicating oneself. Both theologically (Halachically) as well as philosphically, Judaism and, lehavdil, Jesus, are incompatible and mutually exclusive. There is thus no way whatsoever that the latter could be seen as some continuation of Judaism.

Hence it follows also that it is an absurd self-contradiction to accept Jesus in any way whatsoever while simultaneously wishing to retain one's integrity as a member of the Jewish faith. At the very best one might view Jesus as a man of Jewish descent with a certain social philosophy, analogous to Marx, Trotsky, Freud, Bergson etc., thus in a strictly secular sense without any Jewish-religious connotation.

3. Allen quotes an alleged 'rabbi' who is frightened that now even natural Jews may be declared non-Jews if they accept Jesus. For one thing, there is an already established precedent in Israel for over a decade, since the (secular) Israeli Supreme Court refused to recognize the convert Daniel Rufeisen as a Jew. Secondly, I fail to see why this should frighten any conscientious Jew sincerely concerned about his faith and people, and, therefore, I challenge Allen's reference to a 'rabbi.'

When accepting an altogether 'other religion,' as implicit in the acceptance of Jesus in whichever religious context, it is practically irrelevant whether or not one still practices Jewish laws and customs. Regardless of all the vitamins and healthy foods you may eat all the time, a single dose of poison will still be fatal. Thus by accepting a foreign faith (Jesus) a Jew forfeits the privileges of Jewishness, regardless of other circumstances.

4. Allen's concluding paragraph is altogether incoherent. There is, and always has been, full freedom of religion and conscience in the state of Israel. If someone chooses to believe in Jesus he is free to do so. But that does not mean that he also has a right to be regarded as a Jew and to enjoy the benefits thereof. And it certainly does not mean that he has an implicit right to proselytize any more than other subversive groups that seek to destroy the Jewish character of Israel may do so. It would be analogous to a Jew joining Arab terrorists, going around recruiting members for his organization, and still demanding his rights and privileges as a Jew in Israel under the pretext of 'freedom of religion and conscience.'

The people and state of Israel can ill afford the presence and activities of missionaries, let alone their ill-conceived defence.

Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Editor:

I should like to commend you on the interest you are taking in the state of Jewish day school education in Toronto. At the last meeting of the Study Committee on Jewish Education held at the Board of Jewish Education auditorium, in which secular studies teachers of several Hebrew day schools met to present their views, you had the intelligence to have the press present in the sensitive, perceptive person of Mrs. Patricia Rucker.

Those of us teachers who were present at this meeting wish to thank her for her fair and accurate article on the grievances of the secular studies teachers in Jewish day schools. It is time the Jewish community realistically appraised the quality of Jewish education we are all paying for.

I should like to remain anonymous with regards to the following comments for fear of quiet reprisals that have already occurred at my particular school, The Associated Hebrew Junior High School and the Community Hebrew Academy. I wish to confirm Mrs. Rucker's article by assuring the Jewish community that it is getting the second-rate Jewish secular education that it is underpaying for in its largest day school.

Each year, we teachers at the above mentioned schools are more and more overworked, as additional classes and duties are piled upon our already heavy teaching load. Next year at the Community Hebrew Academy, we are being required to teach up to seven and eight classes each if we wish to earn full-time salaries. Yet the public high school teachers are already groaning under loads of five and six classes. Unfortunately, our salaries are not raised to compensate adequately for these additional duties. The average salary gap between our staff and the public high school scale continues at the $2,000 mark.

When you consider that on top of this impossible task of teaching so many classes with freshness, enthusiasm and creativity, we teachers must work with inadequate libraries, a tremendous lack of resource and audio-visual materials, and no possibilities or incentives for professional development within the parochial school system--you come up with a mediocre system of education in which the most qualified and successful teachers leave to find more rewarding work elsewhere, and in which those remaining teachers find themselves without the resources or energy to convey much more than bare facts to their underprivileged students.

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Overseas technology helps boost Israel's export of electronic products

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT-

Israeli exports of electronic products--exclusive of its famous Gabriel and Shafrir missiles--went up by $6 million last year to reach a total of $34 million. Not much by Japanese standards, perhaps, but a great deal for a country which a few years ago scarcely had an electronics industry.

The boom in electronics, which is matched by an upswing in other high-technology industries, was set in motion by the 1967 de Gaulle ban on arms shipments to Israel. This forced Israeli policy-makers to take stock of the country's capacity to produce the sophisticated wherewithal required by modern armies, and by a modern economy.

In 1967, the picture was not very encouraging. Despite Israel's reputation as a top notch centre of scientific research, her industries lagged far behind those of Western Europe, not to speak of the United States. Know-how accumulating in Israeli laboratories was simply not percolating through to Israeli factories, most of which were content to utilize outdated technology purchased from abroad at bargain basement prices.

The government immediately gave top priority to correcting the situation, in the first instance by offering substantial economic incentives to companies willing to invest in science-based industries. It also initiated a series of economic conferences which brought together industrialists and entrepreneurs from around the world--most but not all of them Jewish--to hear what Israel needed from and could offer to potential investors.

These conferences, the third of which is to be held in Jerusalem at the end of May, have helped attract investment money and, even more important, up-to-date overseas technology. Israel's research centres have also been called upon to lend a hand. In co-operation with them, science-based industrial parks have been established, first near the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot and afterwards near the Haifa and Tel Aviv University. While most high-technology enterprises have located elsewhere, these parks have nevertheless played a key role in modernizing Israeli industry.

Kiryat Weizmann, near the Weizmann Institute of Science, is the first and most successful. By the end of 1973 it will house 13 science-based firms doing research in areas ranging from aircraft and missile instrumentation all the way to pollution control. In addition, they will be turning out products including, to name but a few, optical instruments, computer systems, laboratory chemicals and educational toys.

Some have hired Weizmann Institute scientists as consultants; some have not. But all find it useful to be located next door to a research centre that provides them with know-how, as well as access to libraries, computers and analytical laboratories. Most significant of all, it offers them the possibility of recruiting graduate students for R & D work.

Companies wishing to purchase space in 38-acre Kiryat Weizmann, built and run under contract by Africa-Israel Investment Ltd., must be approved by a Weizmann Institute committee, which gets them to ensure that they are really science-based and, where possible, have a scientific link with work conducted in institute laboratories.

Perhaps Weizmann Institute scientists know a science-based industry when they see one, but government officials, even those active in the field, apparently have some difficulty in adopting clear criteria. This is evident in a booklet recently issued by the ministry of commerce and industry. Entitled **Israeli Industries Using Advanced Technology**, it lists 100 firms producing everything in the world from unique electronic instruments and Israeli-developed desalination units to entirely standard drugs and detergents.

Some of the companies mentioned are mainly staffed by highly trained scientists and engineers. Others, however, boast only a couple of degree holders and are made up chiefly of production line employees. It is hard to understand why conventional companies turning out conventional products were included in that ministry list.

Definitions may not be so important, however, since the achievements of the last few years speak for themselves: Israel now turns out most of her own military hardware, from sub-machineguns to missiles, and is reportedly about to field her own tanks and planes; exports in general have risen, going from $908 million in 1967 to $1,848 million in 1971, and are expected to reach $3,535 million in 1976.

While Israel still sells her traditional wares, like the Jaffa oranges so long admired by British housewives, her exports also include the products of post-1967 science-based industry. Sales of electronic goods, for example, are going up by 20 per cent per year, chemicals by 15 per cent.

An entirely new factor has entered the picture with the arrival of many highly trained men and women from the USSR, including scientists, engineers and technologists. They could, theoretically, be sent to pick oranges and pour cement, thus helping to overcome Israel's severe shortage of agricultural and building workers. But it would be more to their liking, and to the country's benefit, if their skills were utilized in science-based industry.

The creation of high-technology enterprises permitted Israel to meet the challenges of 1967; more of the same should help her to meet the challenge of 1973.

A virus is injected into a goat for the development of antibodies at Miles-Yeda.

Worker fills an ampule with isotopic compound at the labs of Miles-Yeda, associated with Kiryat Weizmann, near the Weizmann Institute.

Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

Twenty-eight Toronto artists will have their work on display for sale at a spring art show to be held on Sunday, May 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Wycliffe Olde Towne in the Staffordshire Model Home, Aberfeldy Cr. The show is sponsored by Club Dayan of Toronto Pioneer Women. Elaine Sugar (left), a participating artist and art show co-ordinator, and Marilyn Myers, club president, show off two of the art works.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

The annual Toronto Holocaust Remembrance is set for 8 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Glencairn Ave. Professor Max Mushkat of the University of Tel Aviv will deliver an address, **The Warsaw Ghetto--30 Years After**. Dr. Mushkat served as head of the Polish Mission for the Investigation of War Crimes and was a member of the United Nations War Crimes Commission. A prolific author who has published a novel and a play in Yiddish and numerous works mainly of the subject of war crimes, he is chairman of the Israeli Institute for the Study of International Affairs and of the Israel World War Two Veterans. Also on the program--a dramatic presentation by Bialik Hebrew Day School students. And don't forget to kindle memorial candles in your homes the evening before.

ORT BALL--CHA-CHA-CHA

This year, the Toronto Women's ORT Teheran Ball is to be cabaret-style with a Latin American theme--with buffet and music to match. It all takes place on Saturday, April 28, at the Bayview Country Club, beginning at 7 p.m. Proceeds are for ORT schools in 24 countries throughout the world.

ESSAY CONTEST

All Jewish children in Ontario, other than those living in Metro Toronto and Ottawa, are eligible to enter the Morris Black Memorial Essay Contest. Group A (9-12 years old) are to write a minimum of 600 words on Moses, David or Solomon; Group B (13-16 years), a minimum of 1,500 words on Maimonides, Yehuda Halevi or Rashi. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the education session of the regional conference of the Canadian Jewish Congress at the beginning of June. Deadline date for entries is May 15. For full details, contact the education department of Congress in Toronto at 150 Beverley St.

WESTWARD HO

More news from out west--just west of Toronto that is! The Western Suburban Jewish Community--incorporated since 1958 and involving 20 families in the area just east of Highway 27 (and as far as Bramalea and Oakville) are getting together with the Jewish communities of Mississauga and Bramalea for their first joint meeting on Sunday April 29. The meeting begins at 8:30 p.m. with a film **Sexuality and Communication**, followed by discussion. It takes place at Westway United Church on Templar Dr. By the way, Western Suburban President Sonya Sokol reports that they run Hebrew classes and a Sunday religious school for 20 children. The classes are held in a local public school.

ANTIQUE SHOW

Deganya Chapter of Hadassah is once again having their antique show and sale at Casa Loma. The premiere showing is on Monday, April 30, from 7-11 p.m. and on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1 and 2, the doors are open from 1-10 p.m. Forty exhibitors will be on hand with displays of china, pottery, furniture and such. And while there be sure to visit the educational display booth set up by the Canadian Cancer Society. Proceeds are for medical needs, vocational training and rehabilitation for children in Israel.

LZA LECTURE

On Tuesday, May 1, Julius Hayman, editor-publisher of **The Jewish Standard**, speaks on Christian and Islamic Persecution Through the Centuries. The meeting is part of the **Labor Zionist Alliance** lecture series and it takes place at 8:30 p.m. at their centre on Viewmount Ave.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

New Fraternal Jewish Association annual assembly meets on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, at their building on Overbrook Place, Downsview. The Saturday evening session, beginning at 8 p.m., features a recital of songs by Cantor Sheldon Merel plus the year-end report by the president, J.B. Salsberg. All day Sunday is set aside for business sessions.

. . . about people

The Prime Minister of Israel calling!... Well, on the eve of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Sunday, May 6, **Golda Meir** will be calling 14 Jewish communities on this side of the ocean and speaking to several thousands via a two-telephone hook-up. The hour and a half conversation is being sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation. It begins at 6 p.m. New York time and will also be broadcast by several Canadian and Amer[illegible]stations. Joining Mrs. Meir at her Jerusalem home to the phone call will be the head of the Youth and Hechalutz department of the World Zionist Organization, **Mordechai Bar-On**, as well as an Israeli high school student and a young kibbutznik.

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Ontario Treasurer **John White** and Israeli Economic Minister to Canada and the USA **Ze'ev Sher**, will be guests of honor at a luncheon given by the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The luncheon is planned for Tuesday, May 1, at the Royal York Hotel, before delegates leave to attend the Israel Prime Minister's economic conference. **Ray D. Wolfe**, president of the organization, will be chairing the luncheon.

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The very busy **Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet** of Kielcer Synagogue, was in New York this past week to deliver a series of lectures at Touro College, a new liberal arts college founded a few years ago under Jewish religious auspices. The rabbi, who is also a professor of religion and philosophy at Humber College, delivered a noon-hour lecture to the faculty and student body, a major evening lecture open to the public, and conducted several academic seminars in between.

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Abraham Solomon celebrated his 80th birthday this month. And Adath Israel Synagogue, where he is honorary gabbai and a life trustee, marked the occasion at morning holiday service this past week--he was presented with a silver kiddush cup and tray. Mr. Solomon, whose children and grandchildren are all members of the congregation, attends services twice a day, manages to help out at Baycrest Centre several days a week, visits the sick, and still finds time to make yarmulkes which he gives to his friends (and Sisterhood projects).

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Canada's chief statistician **Sylvia Ostry**, a former Winnipeger, heads west next month to receive an honorary degree (her fourth) from the University of British Columbia.

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Earlier this month, Toronto industrialist **Sam Povering** was elected president of Industrial Accident Prevention Association which represents 52,000 member firms employing over a million people. The president of Spun Metals Inc., Mr. Povering heads up 1,000 volunteers who promote accident prevention to industries throughout Canada.

NCJW holds biennial meet in Hamilton

HAMILTON-

Direct involvement of delegates in decision-making and the minimizing of formal business sessions are the keys to the upcoming 17th Biennial Convention of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada.

Thelma Rolingher of Edmonton, national president, announced recently that these will be among the new programming techniques for the convention, May 13-18 at the Sheraton - Connaught Hotel in Hamilton.

On the theme **Adventures in Citizenship**, "It will be a learning - by - doing experience," said convention program chairman, Mrs. Sheila Burman of Hamilton. Convention co-ordinator is Mrs. Ray Rosenberg of the same city.

The program will include a **Bagels and Bylaws Breakfast, How To Raise Money and Be Happy and Government Relations and Its Relevance to Volunteer Organizations.**

Actress Lillian Zack will narrate the story of the biblical heroine Deborah. Torontonian Srul Glick was commissioned by the Canadian Council for the Performing Arts to write the music for the ensemble.

Ed Smee, regional liaison officer for the department of the secretary of state, citizenship branch will be a convention consultant. He has had many years experience in the areas of human relations training and community and organizational development.

Another resource person in the area of fund-raising will be Arthur A. Buckley, MBE, B.Sc., general secretary of the Greater Hamilton YMCA and Gordon Angus Hodge, executive director of the Canadian Association for Adult Education, Toronto, will act as consultant in the budget area.

Additional areas of the total council program to be explored and evaluated will include: the total community, the Jewish family, overseas projects, the media, gerontology, and woman as an individual and as a citizen.

The closing banquet tendered by the province of Ontario will have as guests Lieutenant - Governor William Ross MacDonald; Jack McNie, Ontario minister of colleges and universities and Mrs. McNie.

Volunteer's role featured at group's May meeting

TORONTO-

The important role of the volunteer in the community will be emphasized at the annual meeting of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, to be held at Holy Blossom Temple on Thursday, May 3, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Arnold A. Epstein, vice-president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, whose topic is: **The Volunteer--Finding Your Place**.

Mrs. Samuel Shanker, president of FJWO, said women volunteers will be asked to encourage younger women to join in the work. "The volunteer is a vitally important part of the community structure," she said, "and those of us who are involved must get across to the younger women how satisfying it is to serve a worthwhile cause."

Mrs. Shanker will review the year's activities in her annual report.

The FJWO represents 52 major Jewish women's organizations in Metro Toronto. It was organized in 1958 by the women's service council of the United Jewish Welfare Fund "to provide a medium for mutual understanding, calendar clearance and co-operation." Basic to the operation of the Federation is the premise that each group retains its autonomy but utilizes the services of the Federation for areas of mutual knowledge and assistance.

Goal of $500,000 for women's division

TORONTO-

The women's division of the 1973 United Jewish Appeal - Israel Special Fund campaign hopes to raise over $500,000 this year, Mrs. Helen Gross, the chairman, reported this week. Last year's total was $450,000.

"Women are increasingly aware of their responsibility and potential," Mrs. Gross said. She noted that of the 1,500 new contributors to the 1973 campaign so far, half are in the women's division. She pointed out that women's divisions all over North America last year raised $40,000,000 for the UJA.

Mrs. Gross said the men could help the women's division drive by encouraging their wives to give on their own. Often, she said, the men make "family" gifts which include the wife's. "Women should be able to make their own contributions," she said. "It's plus dollars for the campaign."

There are about 11,000 contributors in the women's division. Contributions range for $25 to well over $1,000.

Professor receives top award

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON-

Dr. A.H. Black, professor of psychology at McMaster University, is one of the very few Canadians to be granted a Guggenheim Fellowship Award for 1973, the university has just announced. Dr. Black was one of 2,400 applicants and only six of the 339 fellowships awarded went to Canadians.

Dr. Black graduated from the University of Toronto in 1951 and completed his Ph.D. at Harvard in 1956, where he remained as research associate and lecturer until joining McMaster in 1958 as sessional assistant professor.

Guggenheim Fellowships are awarded to scholars, scientists, authors and artists on the basis of demonstrated accomplishment in the past and strong promise for the future. Dr. Black, now acting chairman of the university's psychology department, has written many scientific papers as well as served on many important academic committees at McMaster. He will use the fellowship to pursue the study of the operant conditioning of autonomic and central nervous system responses.

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A beaming Abshalom Graffi stands with three of his students who will soon be leaving for Israel to compete in the International Bible Contest in Jerusalem. The students, who qualified by winning for Canada in the North American contest, are from left to right: Leora Markowitz of Community Hebrew Academy and Mindy Weiner and Danny Eisen of Associated Hebrew Schools. Both institutions are situated in Toronto.

Seek to counteract Jesus group

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL–

Concerned that the Christian missionary crusade is stepping up its conversion activities, and gaining greater visibility, Montreal's organized Jewish community is moving ahead to counteract its influences.

According to Rabbi Lester Rosner, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, Quebec Region, the Jesus movement has always been in this city, but with Key 73--a faith group with headquarters in the United States--the movement in Montreal is getting added impetus.

"Key 73 is advertised to make Christians more Christian, but what is really happening is that the emphasis is to make Jews Christians, especially young people on the campuses."

Rabbi Rosner, who has done investigation into the situation, said missionary work has centred in areas where there are dense Jewish populations and that young missionaries "are infiltrating businesses where they come into contact with large numbers of people."

The rabbi cited an example of two girls employed in a photo shop in the Cote des Neiges district, who distributed calling cards to young people, suggesting they participate in a "real soul-experience meeting."

After their employers were notified, the two girls were transferred to a store in a different location.

Rabbi Rosner also questioned why the Canadian Bible Society opened up an office, for the first time, in an apartment building in a largely Jewish neighborhood.

He also pointed out a coffee house called the Ark, which is located in downtown Montreal on Sherbrooke Street near Sir George Williams University.

"They're putting out pamphlets by the bucket full," said Rabbi Rosner, "and for a Jewish student not versed in Judaism he finds it hard to combat the things he reads.

"A young Jew told me it made good sense, and sure it does, because about 20 per cent of what is contained in the pamphlet are lies. What we ought to do is take the pamphlet, look at things which are not true, make them factual, and then reprint it. We can say to the young Jew, now read this and compare."

Rabbi Rosner is approaching the community to help support an outreach program and, as well, to hire a well-versed Jewish worker to convey a more intellectual understanding of Judaism.

The rabbi also wants to invite questioning Jews to spend Sabbath and religious holidays at the home of adults "to show them how committed Jews experience their religion."

Emanuel Weiner, Allied Jewish Community Services assistant executive director, views the missionary movement as "an opportunity to confront the problems in Jewish life."

He added: "There is, of course, a general concern about the movement, and there is no question about AJCS and Hillel dealing with the matter.

"We have to determine what is the best way to deal with the problem in the most creative way possible."

Leaflets are distributed at circus performances

TORONTO–

Women from three Jewish organizations here joined forces last week to dramatize the plight of Soviet Jewry by distributing leaflets at performances of the Moscow Circus at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Mrs. Shirley Kumove, a spokesman for the group, told **The Canadian Jewish News** that although a press release from them described the event as a demonstration, "it was really not a demonstration.

"It was a low-key affair without placards in order to call attention to the incoming patrons of the plight of Soviet Jews," she said. "We were not calling for a boycott of the event and on the contrary welcomed the opportunity to let the Soviets know of our concern."

Six to 10 people covered the Garden's doors at each performance between April 17-22 with the exception of the opening on April 17 and the Friday evening and Saturday matinee performances, said Mrs. Kumove. These exceptions were due to the former being the first day of Passover and the latter, the Sabbath.

Telegrams expressing concern for the deteriorating Soviet treatment of its Jewish citizens were also sent to the featured performers of the circus by the group, which consisted of the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, Women for Soviet Jewry and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"We were not anticipating any difficulty," she said, "but the police were notified we would be distributing the leaflets which looked like theatre pamphlets on the outside.

"We felt this method was best at this time," she added, "to convey our message and hope some good will come out of it."

Treatment by Syrians of ill boy protested

TORONTO–

A mass rally was held in Nathan Phillips Square, city hall, Toronto, last Thursday, to support the cause of Simon Khabas, a 16-year-old boy who has been refused medical treatment for congenital heart disease in Syria.

Even though Syria does not have the proper facilities for the medical treatment, the government will not allow Simon to leave Syria for Lebanon or another country where the facilities are available. A bond of $5,200 was posted by the Damascus Jewish community for Simon's return to Damascus after the operation but this was rejected by the Syrian officials.

At the rally, Rabbi M. Mitchell Serels described the plight of the Syrian Jews, particularly that of a family from Aleppo, Syria. Their brother in Toronto, a Canadian citizen, has applied for the emigration of his family to Canada, with no success.

A "Tochnit L'aaman Shichrur," a program for freedom, was presented by Students of the Youth Committee for the Rescue of Syrian Jews of the Community Hebrew Academy. The students, in an original play, described the barbaric treatment of Jews held as hostages in Arab countries. A coffin made by the students, and a stretcher were presented to the public.

Jack Levy, aged 12, himself a refugee from an Arab land, sounded the shofar for the liberation of the 5,000 Jews remaining in Syria. The coffin was carried through the crowd who sang songs of liberation.

This rally was the first outdoor demonstration ever held in Canada in sympathy with the persecuted Jews remaining in Arab lands, said the committee. Organizers of the demonstration were academy students Debbie Siegal and Yael Bernstein.

Druggist is dead

TORONTO–

Funeral services were held Sunday at Beth Tzedec Congregation for Sam Willer, a 58-year - old pharmacist who died last week after a brief illness.

Willer operated a drugstore on Davenport Rd. at Alberta Ave. for the past 25 years after six years in his own establishment on Mt. Pleasant Rd.

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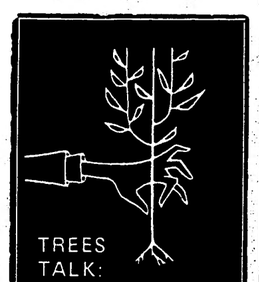

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Camp Goodfellowship grows more popular with elderly

TORONTO–
The need for retired, elderly people to get away from their daily routine to a country setting, if only for two weeks out of the year, is the primary objective filled by the Jewish Camp Council for Senior Adults.

"A dignified vacation for financially disadvantaged senior citizens," is how Michael Berger, director of Camp Goodfellowship puts it. Situated 55 miles from Toronto on a beautiful site on Lake Simcoe, the camp with a capacity for 460 people, has grown more and more popular as a vacation spot with Toronto's elderly Jews with the passing years.

The United Jewish Welfare Fund has allocated $20,000 to the JCC to cover taxes and insurance on this and three other campsites which include the B'nai B'rith Northland children's camps for juniors, intermediates and seniors in the Parry Sound and Haliburton regions.

John Bernstein, director of the Jewish Camp Council, says that 3,400 children will be spending one three-week period at these camps this summer. Another $3,750 has been made available by the UJWF to assist underprivileged youngsters to attend a camp of their choice. The JCC also receives financial aid from the United Community Fund.

The program for senior adults was revitalized in 1970 when Camp Goodfellowship had 180 guests. "This year we already have 393 registrations and we expect a great many more," said Bernstein.

Both Bernstein and Berger insist the term "camp" is a misnomer. They prefer to think of its as a "lodge" like any other, with special emphasis on activities for the elderly. There is a wide range of activities for every taste from swimming, exercising, boating and fishing, to arts and crafts and social and cultural evening programs.

"Doing your own thing is what we stress," Berger explained. "These people are not children and we don't try to over-organize them. We have a program staff who work with the guests in planning programs and providing leadership, but they don't force them into participating."

Although allowances are made with regard to physical limitations and special foods are provided for those on restricted diets, the camp is in no way therapeutic. All guests are expected to make their own beds, take their meals in the dining room and join in at least one activity.

"For the first time we have added a case worker to the staff this year," Berger said. "We get some people who have been isolated in the city and who have difficulty in their relationships with others. For many, this is a radically-different type of setting from anything they have previously experienced and they need a bit of a push from a professional to make them feel more at ease."

One such case concerned a woman from central Europe who had almost become a recluse since the death of her husband 10 years ago. She never spoke to anyone, not even the woman who shared a room with her. Any attempt to get her to open up a little was futile. One morning at 6:30 the sound of someone playing the piano was heard in the recreation hall. On investigation the staff learned that this woman had been an accomplished musician and had taught piano in her native home. She was persuaded to play for the guests and teach anyone who was interested.

According to Berger, the woman "almost came to life" before their eyes. She is returning this year and will again teach and play.

The Jewish Camp Council is always seeking ways to expand its services to the elderly Jewish community. Day-long bus excursions for visitors to the camp have been regular occurences for the past few years. A unique pilot project which began three years ago has proved to be most successful. A group of residents and staff from the Jewish Home for the Aged spend three days and two nights at Camp Goodfellowship. "They have a need to get out and be a part of the total Jewish community," Bernstein explained.

After the eight-week camp period ends in August, a group of 60 Toronto senior citizens of North African origin, referred by the Jewish Family and Child Service, will spend one week at the camp setting, where special menus will be prepared for them.

"Of all the Jewish elderly, this group has had the most difficulty integrating into the community," Bernstein stated. "There are language and cultural differences. They speak no Yiddish and have no affinity with European Jews. We hope this introduction to our facilities will break the ice a little."

President of the Jewish Camp Council is Mrs. Harriet Borins. Mrs. Frances Olin is chairman of Camp Goodfellowship committee. Both women work closely with the administration.

Cruise for the elderly

Guests at Camp Goodfellowship near Barrie, Ont., enjoy a ride on houseboat which is rented for summer by the Jewish Camp Council for the guests at the Lake Simcoe site.

A problem family enlivens meeting

By DAVID NAYMAN
MONTREAL–
Presenting the King family. Mrs. King has been in and out of hospital for five years and needs constant medical attention. But now she's coming home again, and her husband has been trying to find a homemaker to cook, clean and look after her and the two children.

King is a bundle of nerves. He has had to run back and forth from the hospital every day while caring for a 13-year - old son, Simon and daughter, Thelma, age five. There is little money for food and clothing. Simon wants his allowance, badly. Both want their mommy, badly.

At the 109th annual meeting of the Jewish Family Services of the Baron de Hirsch Institute, held at the Saidye Bronfman Centre recently, Director of Professional Services Mervin Moss and three case workers acted out the story of the fictitious King family (a real-life situation based on JFS files)l and the agency's approach to treating the many problems encountered.

The casework demonstration depicted the "Crisis Response" program implemented during the past year as a result of the findings of the Allied Jewish Communities Services' "Study of Poverty in the Montreal Jewish Community." That study verified the continued existence of poor in this city, many of whom are neither aged nor immigrants.

Poor families often equate the use of an agency's services with a loss of dignity and self-respect, or the taking of "charity" as the end of the line, explained JFS Executive Director Solomon Brownstein. So JFS social workers attempt to reach these families, he added, to "search out that kernel of connection that spells the beginning of the helping process."

King wanted $300 right away and he was unprepared to accept more agency red tape. When the social worker began to press him for personal information, King exploded into a fit of rage and told JFS to "shove it." At this point the play stopped and questions were received from the audience. "How realistic is the play?" "Why is JFS so hesitant to give King money?" "Is the social worker relating to King and his problems?" "Is King a golddigger, a professional money grabber who goes from agency to agency, knows their ins and outs, pleads poverty, and thus doesn't have to seek a job?"

Brownstein interjected, saying, yes, the play was realistic because most JFS clients make their needs known "dramatically, agonizingly, and emphatically" and some ask for money at the receptionist's desk.

King's explosion was the most important part of the demonstration, said Moss. "It is truly indicative of most of our experiences." He continued: "I realize it takes guts for a man to walk in and ask for money. I know what King is going through." He tells King, "You don't have to be sorry about what you did."

In a way, Moss said, "We provide an arena for this explosion."

But one member of the audience wasn't satisfied that JFS handled the King family "in a Jewish way." He told Moss to "read Maimonides and you might have to destroy your agency. You have to respond to the Jewish ideal of Tzedkah."

Brownstein responded that poverty is not exclusively a Jewish problem, and that "the whole system of dealing with the poor is lousy. The only long-range solution," he said, "is a guaranteed annual income."

"Continuity and change" was the theme of the meeting. "The bewildering pace of change," noted JFS President Stanley Abbey, "makes it impossible for many people to cope with it and it's up to us to help them cope. As their needs change, so do our priorities and services."

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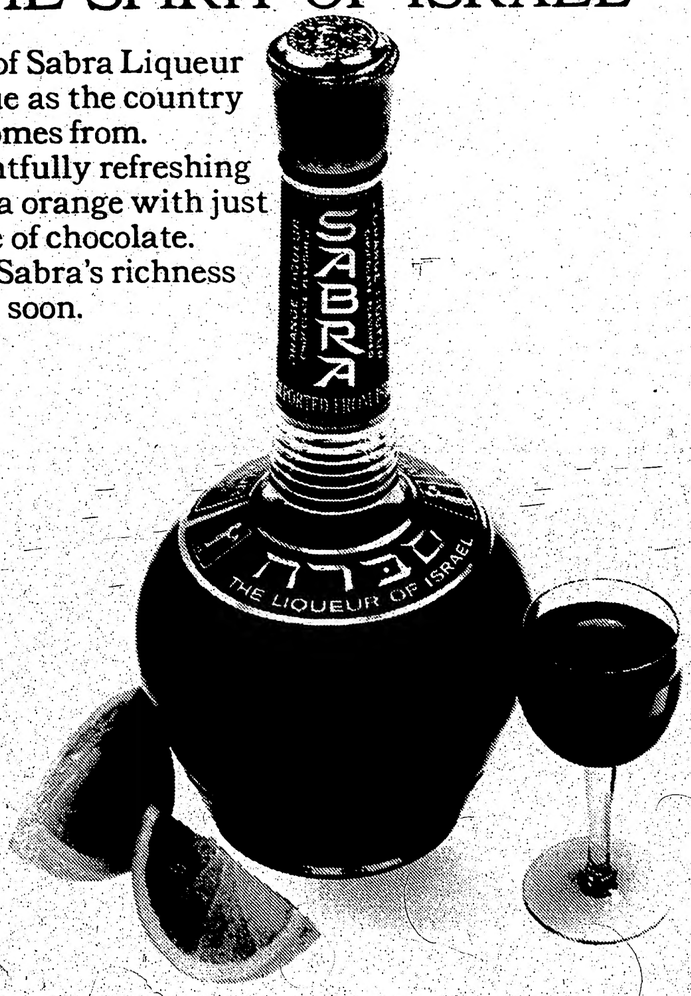

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Members of the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra warm up prior to a recent outdoor concert in Haifa. (IPPA Photo)

Las Vegas temple serves three branches of Jewry

By LEE GOODLIN

Las Vegas is probably the best known and most elaborate oasis in the world. Set in the middle of a forbidding wasteland of sand and desert brush, and surrounded by the almost bald range of the Sierra Nevada, it has become one of the biggest little cities on earth.

Vegas is the entertainment capital of the western world, where a galaxy of show business stars earn as much as $100,000 per week. It is bright lights, gambling casinos, wedding chapels, gorgeous hotels, gourmet dining rooms, and a haven for pornography and prostitution. It is one of the greatest tourist areas of the entire world, which attracts millions of fun - seekers every year.

But Las Vegas is not all glitter and gold. Almost 100,000 people make their homes there, bring up their families, work and worship. Beneath the veneer of sensuality, satire and sin, there is a normal community of men, women and children, who lead lives not unlike yours and mine. They go to work, keep house, attend schools, date, mate and attend church and synagogue. It is difficult to think of Vegas in terms of family and community life, but nevertheless, it does exist.

About 10 per cent of Las Vegans are Jewish, ranging form the very devout, to "Junitarian." Amidst the many churches which include Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, etc., there stands one synagogue -- Temple Beth Shalom.

This beautiful edifice testifies to the presence of a viable Jewish community. It is an archeological triumph of dark brown brick, white marble and stained—glass windows surrounded by lovely gardens of palm trees, green grass and multi-colored flowers. Outside the main entrance of Temple Beth Shalom stands a beautiful sculpture designed by Eric Ray, and fabricated by the famous sculptor Daniel Gluck. This "Burning Bush" is a fitting emphasis to the majesty of Beth Shalom.

The temple has been, and continually strives to be all things to all people. Its officers and members have over the years played a prominent role in the development of the Jewish community. Their devoted efforts have created the necessary facilities to provide proper religious training for the children, and social activities for the entire family. What was once envisioned hopefully for the future, stands as today's reality in an institution which is the bulwark and beacon light of Jewish life in America's centre of sin--Las Vegas.

Twenty-five years ago, a group of concerned Jews in Las Vegas, recognizing the pressing need for a Jewish community centre and gathering place for the people of our faith, founded the "Las Vegas Jewish Community Centre." In September of 1948, this became a reality. No longer merely a fringe of the community at large, the Jews now had a place in which to hold their social events, weddings, bar mitzvahs and religious services as well. It became a place where their children were able to meet others of their faith, and the problem of intermarriage was reduced to a minimum.

Nine years later, the centre developed into a full fledged synagogue. Today, Temple Beth Shalom and the community centre have dovetailed into a very beautiful and significant complex of Jewish life in southern Nevada. More than 700 families are members, and regularly use these facilities for worship and recreation.

While adhering to the principals and doctrines of Conservative Judaism, Temple Beth Shalom is dedicated to uniting and serving all Jewish residents of Las Vegas. Since it is the only synagogue in the entire area, it combines all its members into one homogeneous group, and offers programs of interest to everyone. Religious services are designed to appeal to every religious taste.

Those who in former communities were affiliated with Reform temples, find the late Friday evening service truly modern and spiritually satisfying. Those who come from Orthodox backgrounds find the Saturday morning services familiar and appealing. Daily minyans are attended by those following all three traditions.

Pilot blamed for disaster

JERUSALEM (JCNS)-

The French pilot of the Libyan Boeing 727 shot down in Sinai two months ago over military installations, was responsible for the "terrible mistake" which ended in the death of 107 people.

This accusation was made by his Libyan co-pilot, Yunis El Mehdi, speaking at a press conference before leaving Israel to join his wife and family in Greece where he intends to spend a year recovering from his injuries. El Mehdi insisted time and again that not only had the Israeli Phantom pilots' signals to land been seen and understood in the cockpit, but that the pilot went through all the motions of bringing the aircraft into land at the Birgafgafa air base, including the release of the undercarriage.

"At the last minute he changed his mind. I just don't know what made him do so," said the Libyan. Eventually, when he returns to Libya, El Mehdi said he hoped he would not be required to tell lies about what happened. In fact, he did not think he would fly again "and certainly never over Egypt. I just don't trust their air traffic control."

What he might do, he said, was to open a small business (presumably in Greece). The Libyan co-pilot still has both his legs in casts and will have to use a wheelchair for another few months. With modern rehabilitation methods, he should be able to walk normally again, according to the doctors.

In conclusion, El Mehdi said he would never say anything against those in Israel who aided his recovery. "It's because of them that I am alive today."

Special ceremonies

TORONTO-

Community festivities to mark Israel's Silver Anniversary will take place on Sunday, May 6, 1973, at the North York Centennial Centre on Finch Avenue, at 8 p.m., Philip Givens, national president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, and the honorary chairman of Toronto's Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, has announced.

This year, special ceremonies will be featured to mark Israel's 25th anniversary, and the ceremonies at North York Centennial Centre are under the auspices of the Consulate General of Israel and the Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region.

Special entertainment will be provided by Aliyah Cheskis, guitarist and singer presenting a program of songs and stories about life as a Jerusalemite. Aliyah Cheskis is a noted Israeli entertainer, who has just recently completed a tour of Israeli army bases in the West Bank, Jordan Valley, and the Suez Canal.

Battling in Milan

Fascist shock wave stuns Italians

By BEN JUAREZ
ROME (JTA)-

"It was just like the Fascist hooliganism of the 1920s," said Sandro Pertini, president of the Italian Chamber of Deputies. He was referring to the neo-Fascist riots in Milan last week which left one policeman dead--ripped by a combat-type hand grenade--and sent shock waves around Italy.

For more than two hours hundreds of neo - Fascist youths, faces covered with black handkerchiefs, strutted through the streets of Milan shouting slogans against "Communists" and "Jews." They exchanged Hitler-like salutes and many carried iron bars and clubs. The grenade that killed the young police officer, 22-year - old Antonia Marino, was apparently stolen from Italian army stores.

The battle erupted when about 500 youths defied a police ban on political meetings in Milan until April 25. The ban was imposed because of tension at the State University earlier in the week which resulted in rioting. The neo-Fascists had planned a rally which was to have been addressed by Sen. Ciccio Franco of the Italian Social Movement (MSI). Franco is the political leader of the tough "Black Action" terror squads responsible for intermittant violence in the southern city of Reggio Calabria during the past three years.

The violence in Milan destroyed the claims of the MSI to be the party of law and order. For Italians, it was a new lesson in the darker side of the radical right, which has been growing virtually unchecked for several years. The leader of the MSI, Giorgio Almirante, has for years been trying to give his party a moderate "law and order" image in an attempt to capture the votes of Italy's "silent majority." He has succeeded in making the MSI the third largest party here, with 56 deputies in parliament.

But Almirante's "moderation" is rejected by diehard extremists who scorn what they call "Fascism of the double breasted suits,"—a reference to the natty dressing of party leaders. As a result, a number of fringe organizations tolerated by the MSI--but repudiated by the party when convenient--have mushroomed on the extreme right of the Italian political spectrum. Such a group is "National Van - guard," which was deeply involved with last week's riot.

They have made a virtual Nazi stronghold of Milan's central San Babila area, where dozens of persons have been savagely beaten as suspected "Communists" merely because they wore a beard or carried a left wing newspaper or otherwise attracted the attention of right wing extremists. Many Italians suspect that the right wing groups, with the tacit approval of the MSI, have a plan to sow disorder in Italy that would lead to the fall of the government and the advent of a colonels' regime along Greek lines.

National Vanguard, New Order, Mussolini Action squads, Young Italy and other such groups have training camps organized on military lines and have among their memberships a number of former parachutists and legionaires. The MSI said it disowned the killers of the policeman and offered a reward of $8,000 for their arrest. But the Milan rally was held under party auspices, and the MSI has made no attempt to disown the extremist groups which hang on to it. In fact, Almirante urged street violence during a speech in Florence last year.

Many Italian politicians are sincerely worried about the threat from the right. Two years ago, an attempted coup by the extreme right had comic-opera overtones.

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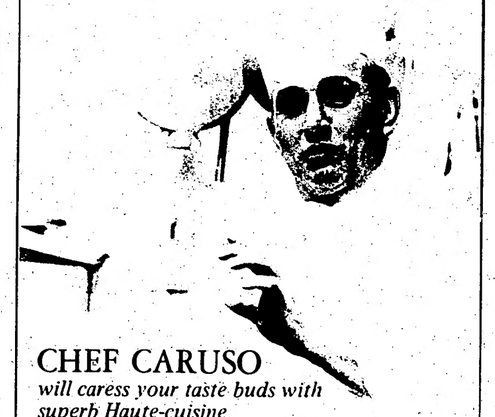

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Vacationers who want to mix sightseeing with the sunshine will find a great number of popular tourist attractions free of charge. Among them are the Miami Beach Garden Center and Conservatory, the city's Bass Art Museum, beautiful Crandon Park with its 1,000-animal zoo and public beaches, lavishly landscaped Hialeah and Gulfstream race tracks when the horses are not running.

Other free attractions are an authentic Japanese Garden complete with teahouse, fishing from the First Street pier and several causeways, and Matheson Hammock which includes beaches, picnic grounds, and nature trails.

Also on the free list are the Lowe Art Museum, Redland Fruit and Spice Park, and the Museum of Science which graphically displays Florida history and ecology.

Many other popular attractions have nominal admission charges. A tourist can ride the Lincoln Road Mall tram the entire length of the world - famous shopping street for 10 cents. For $2 a car, one can visit the unique Everglades National Park. Admission to Pennekamp Coral Reef Preserve is only 25 cents; to 150-year - old Cape Florida Lighthouse 50 cents for adults, children under 13 free.

For the athletic, Miami Beach offers an outstanding parks and recreation system most of which is free. Municipal tennis courts are available at 50 cents an hour per player, and such attractions as the Italian bowling game bocce, chess, baseball, basketball, and playground equipment are without charge. Municipal golf courses cut their greens fees in half for the summer. There are two full - size courses and one nine-hole par three course available.

For $1, the tourist can visit Fairchild Garden with its unrivaled tropical trees and plants from all parts of the world or the Transit Planetarium, largest in the world, which offers unique shows that take a visitor on a tour of outer speace.

Among the commercial attractions ranging in cost from $1.50 to $3 are the Seaquarium, Serpentarium, Vizcaya Palace, Wax Museum, Coral Castle, and the Monkey, Parrot and Orchid Jungles. Children are half price or less.

Dining out is always a pleasurable experience in Miami Beach which is unmatched for the number and variety of restaurants. Full breakfasts are available for as little as 60 cents and full course dinners from $2.

For those who crave deep-sea fishing on a limited budget, there is drift boat fishing in the Gulf Stream at $6 a person for a half day. The price includes bait and tackle, and expert instruction and assistance from the crew.

With oceanfront hotel and motel prices beginning at $6 a night, it is evident that one does not have to be a member of the jet set to enjoy a glamorous, exciting vacation on Miami Beach's "millionaire's row."

Camels are still very much part of life in the Holy Land today. Though they are most commonly found in the Judean and Negev deserts, being herded by their Bedouin owners, a few enterprising individuals have set up shop on the streets of Jerusalem and offer rides to the public. Visitors as well as photographers find these animals a delight.

New sightseeing by air

While not taking the place of regular sightseeing of Israel, a number of air companies have now regularly scheduled flight - seeing tours over the country. The companies usually use two engined aircraft that seat up to nine passengers. The pilot, although not a licensed tourist guide, points out the important locations from the air.

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There are other tours to Masada and Eilat, Upper Galilee and the Golan Heights. Aircraft are also available on hourly basis for charter flights over Israel. Tours operate seven days a week and the price includes entrance fees and en-route meals.

Town hall meeting

MONTREAL–

This city's largest regular "town hall" type meeting is slated for 5:45 p.m. on the evening of May 9th at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim (450 Kensington Ave., Westmount) when some 600 delegates will assemble for the eighth annual meeting and community conference of Allied Jewish Community Services.

Chief rabbi rebuked

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daism was not valid. In that case he was never legally married to the Langer children's mother and her subsequent marriage to Otto Langer was not adulterous.

The Supreme Court upheld Borokovsky's claim that he was not called to give evidence by Goren's court and was not aware of its deliberations. It ruled, therefore, that the Goren court's decision could in no way affect the Petach Tikvah court and implied that the latter, by the same token, could disregard Rabbi Goren's decision in the Langer case.

Goren has claimed the case was closed with his ruling. He has refused to turn over documents to the Petach Tikvah court on grounds that it was biased against the Langer children inasmuch as it was the same court that had originally branded them bastards and forbade them to marry.

Deficit financing

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ing studied by the AJCS planning committee. "The sum total of their requests," said Corber, "is well beyond our ability to finance in the current year."

Some $350,000 was allocated to the Jewish General Hospital, but $100,000 was withheld as a reserve item open to discussion--as opposed to the two previous years when the entire amount was given.

Corber, a senior partner in the well-known accountant firm of Richter, Usher, and Vineberg, said the JGH must pay for the hospital's research program, and outpatient department including medical staff, not covered by government financing.

The annual budget also favored the Jewish Public Library, with an increase of $75,000 from the previous year. Also emphasized were the Golden Age Association with an increase of $17,000 for their group work services, $23,000 increase to the Hillel Foundation for adding two new campuses under their service, and $20,000 for the anti-poverty program.

According to Corber, the budget increase for the Congress and the United Jewish Relief Agency stood at a normal 6 per cent cost increase. This reduces the UJRA budget by $50,000 because of dwindling immigration.

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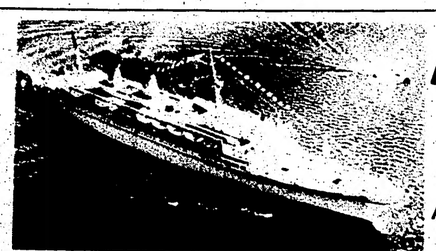

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Sima Shurdaker, 12, of Ashdod receives flowers prior to her departure with her mother to San Francisco. The girl has since been operated upon in the American city for a rare kidney disease which claims girls mostly as its victims.

Kidney operation proves successful

LOS ANGELES (JCNS)-

After an emergency flight to Los Angeles, a 13-year-old Israeli girl has undergone a successful operation for a rare kidney disease at the University of California (UCLA) Hospital here.

Sima Sodrica, whose family settled in Ashdod after emigrating from India, was suffering from a disease resulting from damage to the major arteries supplying blood to her one remaining kidney. (The other kidney was removed in Israel two years ago to relieve her extremely high blood pressure.)

The disease itself, known as a type of Takayasu's disease, occurs more often in the Middle East and Far East -- and among young girls--than in the Western Hemisphere.

Argentine leaders express anxiety over new regime

SANTIAGO (JTA)-

A general anxiety permeates the Jewish community in Buenos Aires. It isn't actually fear but a pervasive feeling of uncertainty and unease. In four weeks--May 25--the present government of President Alejandro Lanusse will be replaced by that of President-elect Dr. Hector J. Campora. In effect, Peronism will again be in power.

Jewish leaders in Buenos Aires including officials of the DAIA, the representative body of Argentine Jewry, told this visitor repeatedly that anti-Semitism is unlikely to become a political factor in the life of the country.

They were extremely skeptical that the Campora government would espouse any anti-Semitism but that the domestic and international politics of the new government might exacerbate feelings against Jews and encourage a form of unofficial anti-Semitism in certain sections of the population and among some of the government officials.

Frequently during this visitor's stay in Buenos Aires, Jewish spokesmen asserted that "Jews face very difficult times." Two DAIA representatives characterized the forthcoming situation thusly: "We are in an expectant situation. There is no panic, but there is a state of alert as there always is when changes take place that can affect the life of our community."

What makes the situation so expectant is the juxtaposition of an economic crisis that is gripping the country; a consolidation of extreme right wing and Nazi elements in the loose coalition that today characterizes Peronism; a powerful left wing within the coalition that is drumming up anti-Zionist and anti-Israel sentiment; the many Jewish youths who are part of this left wing of Peronism; and a flirtation with the Arab states.

Last week, Jewish community leaders expressed concern when the former Argentine dictator, Juan Domingo Peron, and Vice-President elect Dr. Vincente Solano Lima, met in Madrid with the ambassadors of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Lebanon, Algeria and Iraq.

Some Jewish leaders saw this meeting as a direct result of the influence exerted by some of Peron's close advisers who have expressed extreme anti-Semitic feelings in the recent past, and as a concrete manifestation of Peron's "Third World" position: Neither imperialism nor communism.

Despite this, the official position on the parts of the Jewish community leaders continues to be that Argentina has traditionally adopted a policy of "equi-distance" (even handedness) in the Middle East conflict and would presumably and hopefully continue this after May 25.

"We refuse to speculate on what will happen after May 25, so far as the Jewish community and Israel is concerned," the DAIA spokesmen said. "It would be counter-productive."

One very high and informed source in the community asserted "Argentina is not Uganda. Peron is not Idi Amin. Argentina cannot be bought." The reference was to President Idi Amin of Uganda who expelled Israeli technical and military advisers and diplomats from his country last year apparently after accepting a large financial subvention from Libya.

But when one leader was asked why Peron's "equi-distant" policy was not equi-distant enough to have also suggested a meeting with an Israeli representative, he stated that this is a matter for Israel to consider.

Kidnapping fails

BUENOS AIRES (JCNS)-

An attempt to kidnap Marcos Kogan, a Jewish jeweller in the town of Cordoba 450 miles north - west of Buenos Aires, ended with the killing of Kogan and two men who had abducted him.

Passers - by were suspicious when they saw two young men enter Kogan's home. They alerted the police who found a car speeding away when they arrived in two patrol cars soon afterwards.

Shots were exchanged in a brief skirmish after which Kogan and the two kidnappers were found dead.

Mrs. Kogan who was forced into the bandits' car with her husband, was wounded in the hand.

Golda suspicious

JERUSALEM (JCNS)-

It seems that even Israel's prime minister, Mrs. Meir, has mixed feelings about the value of any piece of paper signed by an Arab neighbor at the conference table.

Mrs. Meir told a meeting of the Hebrew University's board of governors that she was certain King Hussein of Jordan "sincerely does not want war." But Mrs. Meir then added: "Yet nevertheless, he speaks of 'Arab Jerusalem' just because his grandfather King Abdullah, took it from Israel when we were too weak to defend it."

Mrs. Meir said even if King Hussein signed an agreement with Israel "what guarantee is there that his rule will continue to exist and be strong enough to observe the treaty?" Israel must, therefore, be farsighted to guarantee its right to secure and defensible borders for all time to come, Meir said.

Israel fully realized the vital importance of the Suez Canal to Egypt, but Egypt, for its part, should similarly appreciate the importance that Israel attached to Sharm el Sheikh (on the southern tip of Sinai), "especially as it has no importance for Egypt, unless it wants to put cannons there," the prime minister said.

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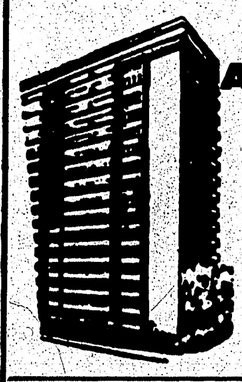
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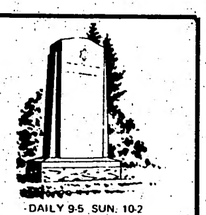
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Arts

Sculptor Angela Conner last week in London revealed the Jerusalem Menorah to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Israel. Only 50 have been produced in pure gold and sterling silver. The menorah is the symbol of Israel.

Actress Bujold blends in beautifully with orchestra in 'season's highlight'

music review

By RICK KARDONNE

A spectacularly effective narrative by Genevieve Bujold highlighted what was perhaps the most important serious music concert of the 1972-73 Toronto season: a performance of Leonard Bernstein's **Kaddish** (Symphony No. 3) by the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir (directed by Elmer Iseler) the Princeton - based Columbus Boychoir (directed by former Torontonian Donald Hanson) and the Toronto Symphony (conducted by Victor Feldbrill).

Miss Bujold naturally radiated a poignant sincerity of a young woman engaged in a two - way communion with God. Beginning with a quiet restlessness, sinking into a cynical anger, pointing an accusation at God for having forgotten man; then resolving herself with forgiveness and climaxing in a final, joyous amen, Miss Bujold perfectly captured each different mood of the simple, direct script. Cries of anguish, forceful anger, sorrow, compassion, submission, and inner triumph—she conveyed each mood just right.

Because her speaking voice is not a rich one; it is of a clear, youthfully pure (but not at all thin) quality, she can freely and totally involve herself in all of these highly emotional states of mind without ever sounding melodramatic. Allowing herself to be swept along by the surging and receding tides of the piece itself, Miss Bujold blended in beautifully with the orchestra, the piercing high strains of the boychoir and the massive strength of the 200 - voice Mendelssohn Choir.

The symphony itself has received mixed reviews since it was first premiered in Tel Aviv in December 1963. I feel that its strengths are in the often brilliant juxtaposition of main chorus, boychoir, speaker and orchestra, plus the fast orchestral - choral segments, that contain many starkly dissonant segments that perfectly convey the dilemma of the Kaddish in today's complex world with its many shades of gray as well as black and white. Very much present here is a uniquely Bernstein orchestral technique combining flutes, winds, xylophone and percussion that results in a sharp jarring sound that is realistically urban. This technique also appears in **On the Waterfront** and **West Side Story**.

However, the slow sections of **Kaddish** lack the memorable lyrical themes of Bernstein's more "pop"-oriented works. They sound deliberate, subdued and tuneless while also devoid of any provocative atonality. The gentle, rich and melodious voice of Roxolana Roslak, (a good contrast to Genevieve Bujold) could not compensate for the often weak and draggy slow portions of the sumphony. Perhaps if Bernstein had utilized a much more pronounced Hebraic imprint in his slow movements (with the exception of one brief choral passage, his **Kaddish** really has no traditional Judaic music influence to speak of) their general impact and relevance would have been that much more distinctive.

The first half of the concert featured **Pange Lingua** by Godfrey Ridout, an uneven hymn (for the Feast of Corpus Christi by St. Thomas Aquinas) marked by interesting string passages alternating with full orchestral-choral climaxes of contrived grandiloquence; and Igor Stravinsky's **Symphony of Psalms**, a beautifully written and masterfully performed work that contains several dissonant semi-fugue sections. In all three pieces, the individual performances by both choirs, soloists and orchestra, and especially the overall coordination, was absolutely first-rate.

'An occasion for joy'

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

A HISTORY OF JEWISH LITERATURE, VOLS. I & II by Israel Zinberg; Burns & MacEachern Ltd.

The publication of the first two volumes of Israel Zinberg's monumental **A History of Jewish Literature** is an occasion for joy and satisfaction. Translated by Bernard Martin, Professor of Jewish Studies, Case Western Reserve University -- with 10 volumes still to appear--we will soon have for study and sheer reading enjoyment what is probably the "foremost scholarly work ever produced in the Yiddish language."

The author began his history in 1915 at the age of 42; it occupied him for more than 20 years. He attempted nothing less than a critical analysis and survey of 1,000 years of Jewish creativity, from Hasdai Ibn Shaprut in 10th century Spain to the end of the Haskalah movement in 19th century Russia.

Zinberg was a chemical engineer employed in a Soviet factory who had to snatch his periods of time for writing and research only in the evenings, weekends and holidays. In 1938 he was arrested by the Soviet Police and died shortly after arriving at a concentration camp in Siberia, his health sapped by the long and painful trip from Leningrad.

It appeared that he had corresponded about his work with writers and scholars abroad; in the eyes of despots this sin was enough to stifle his creativity and relegate him to exile and death. The protests of his fellow writers around the world were of no avail.

In the tradition of die Wissenscheft das Judentums he brought to his work an accurate rendering and understanding of literary and historical documents. Although the history was completed more than 30 years ago, little of it--apart from recently discovered, relatively unimportant new information--is invalid or obsolete.

For the author the concept "Jewish literature" included theology, philosophy, ethics, legal codes, memoirs, travel accounts, legends and folklore, etc. As a result his work is so many-sided and inclusive as to become, in effect, a history of European Jewish thought and culture over a millennium of time. Filled with a love for his people and admiration for their accomplishments he was not hesitant to evaluate and judge, to praise or condemn the writers, books, ideas or movements that became his daily concern.

Zinberg regarded ethics as the heart and core of Judaism and stressed the moral and humanistic values he associated with the mainstream of the tradition. He did not neglect the underlying social and economic conditions that prevailed when the various works of literature were produced, searching always for a full-rounded and complete picture.

The two volumes under consideration deal with the Arabic - Spanish period, French and German Jewry in the Middle Ages, and the Jewish community of medieval Italy. Covered is the rich creative period known as the "Golden Age of Spain" and such luminaries as Rashi, Eleazar of Worms, Rabbenu Gershom, and Immanuel of Rome.

The volumes are sturdily and beautifully produced with attractive covers, fine paper and bibliographical notes that have been brought up to date. Every congregation and Jewish institution will want these and the subsequent volumes for their libraries; students of Jewish history and culture will find them stimulating and valuable.

Musical at O'Keefe

New meaning for word 'awful'

By LYNN SLOTKIN

Lorelei, the new Broadway-bound, musical-comedy at the O'Keefe Centre, gives new meaning to the word 'awful.' After considering most of the recent fair offered at the O'Keefe Centre, Royal Alexandra and St. Lawrence Centre, I can only conclude that there seems to be an unwritten law in the theatre that says 'the less talent in a show the better; and, the patron is not entitled to his money's worth.' **Lorelei** proves this more that ever.

Kenny Solms and Gail Parent, two former writers of **The Carol Burnett Show**, have taken Anita Loos' unfunny novel and musical/comedy play, **Gentlemen Prefer Blondes**, and based their equally unfunny play **Lorelei** on it.

The play is about Lorelei Lee, a common-senseless, simple - minded lady whose main aim in life is to marry rich and stay rich. The play opens on Lorelei mourning for her recently deceased husband, Gus, and procedes to flash - back to 1924 to all the great times she had conniving rich men (Gus included) into buying her little diamond bobbles. But the play is not nostalgic. In this day of women asserting themselves; of looking for a more meaningful way of life, this show is merely anachronistic.

Not only does this musical-comedy have no comedy, but also Jule Styne's music is almost totally forgettable. And this brings up another problem with the theatre today--what has happened to the major Broadway composers and lyricists (who in the last half century have all been Jewish except Cole Porter)? Why are their recent efforts so poor (Stephen Sondheim excluded)? Richard Rogers has not written a hit show since **No Strings** (**Two By Two** was not a hit).

In 1965 Alan Jay Lerner had his last success as the lyricist of **On A Clear Day You Can See Forever**, (his later show **Coco** is a famous disaster inspite of the fact that it recouped its losses). And what of Jules Styne? The man has lost something, and it's sad. He just isn't writing music like he used to. After **Funny Girl** what is there -- **Hallelujah Baby, Married Alive**, and **Sugar**; all full of forgettable music. In **Lorelei** his new music is unmemorable, and of his songs from the original **Gentlemen Prefer Blondes**, only Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend sticks in one's mind.

Betty Comden and Adolph Green's new lyrics aren't much better. There is one show stopper, Men; unfortunately it does not belong in this show because it gives Lorelei something she seems incapable of having --a thoughtout attitude about something other than money. Songs like I'm A-Tingle, I'm A - Glow and Keeping Cool with Coolidge add nothing to the plot and waste time.

The choreography is banal and little more than foot-stamping and a lot of arm waving. The chorus, with their self - congratulating grins, add insult to injury by almost always being out of step with each other and the music. Only Tamara Long as Dorthy has any grace.

The rest of the cast completes this sad picture. The acting is uniformly non-existent. You want so badly for someone to give a credible performance but it nevers happens. In a sense Carol Channing as Lorelei is an exception. She can't sing, dance or act. but no one expects her to. People expect her to play the character that she is best at playing--herself, and she does it marvellously. She puts her own personality into the part and not vice versa, and somehow it comes off.

But one performance can't save this show, and after sitting through this three hour opus, I don't think it's worth the effort.

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Interesting TV hour

'A People Chosen' proves good material for masses

By FRANK MICHAEL

Black stand - up comic Slappy White, referring to Black representation in the entertainment media, recently cracked: "Time was when we couldn't be nowhere; now one of us has to be everywhere." For Jews, depiction in the mass media, especially on television, falls somewhere between these two extremes of exclusion and patronage. We have always "been there," but generally as stereotypes, carricatures, or assimilationists.

The seemingly frivolous fact that Bridget no longer loves Bernie, however, is symptomatic of a healthy, renewed demand by Jewish audiences for legitimate, sensitive depiction of Jewish life, tradition and heritage. Significantly, the cancellation also indicates an increasingly active involvement by Jews within the context of the broadcasting game. Whereas many Jews traditionally dismissed stage, screen and tube as "narrishkeit," they now rediscover them as opportunities for the expression and elaboration of "yiddishkeit." Indeed, no less a personage than the Lubavitcher Rebbe himself, speaking at a recent "farbrengen," or gathering, has urged Jews to develop and utilize all the resources at our disposal, especially the broadcasting media, for the promulgation of Jewish values.

While Jewish involvement with fiction and television drama has been slow to change from protesting the offensive to actively formulating desirable alternatives. Participation in documentary, cultural, and community affairs programming has blossomed noticeably.

Recent appearances by Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet on **Crossfire**, JDL rep Michael Fish and Rabbis Michael Stroh and Reuben Slonim on **The Norm Perry Show** have been constructive and engendered useful dialogue within the Jewish community. CITY's **Mosaic** has added a new dimension to Jewish cultural and community affairs coverage, supplementing that pioneered by **Shalom** on cable.

On the network scene, the CBC, notorious for its "nose - count" approach to ethnic and religious programming, has commissioned a one-hour documentary by Israel-based writer and producer Herb Krosney, scheduled for telecast Monday, April 30, at 10 p.m. Entitled **A People Chosen--Who is a Jew?**, the film is a colorful, well-constructed (if somewhat superficial) exploration of problems of religious, national, and secular indentity within Israel. Acting on the assumption that Judaism is of universal interest, **A People Chosen** makes good material for mass audiences. While Jewish audiences will find the problems familiar, vibrant photography and appearances by Abba Eban, Yigal Allon, David Ben - Gurion, and chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren provide an interesting hour of television viewing.

In the area of public affairs, CITY's **Mosaic** features a rare and important half-hour interview with Simon Wiesenthal, director of the famed Documentation Centre for Nazi Crimes, and author of **The Murderers Among Us**. The show is scheduled for telecast Sunday, April 29th, at 12:30 p.m.

All these inroads into television programming are encouraging developments. They enjoin upon the Jewish viewing audience, however, the responsibility to register its approval or disapproval with the stations and networks concerned. As in the case of the ill-fated **Bridget Loves Bernie**, a few hundred letters from involved viewers can make the difference between culture and caricature.

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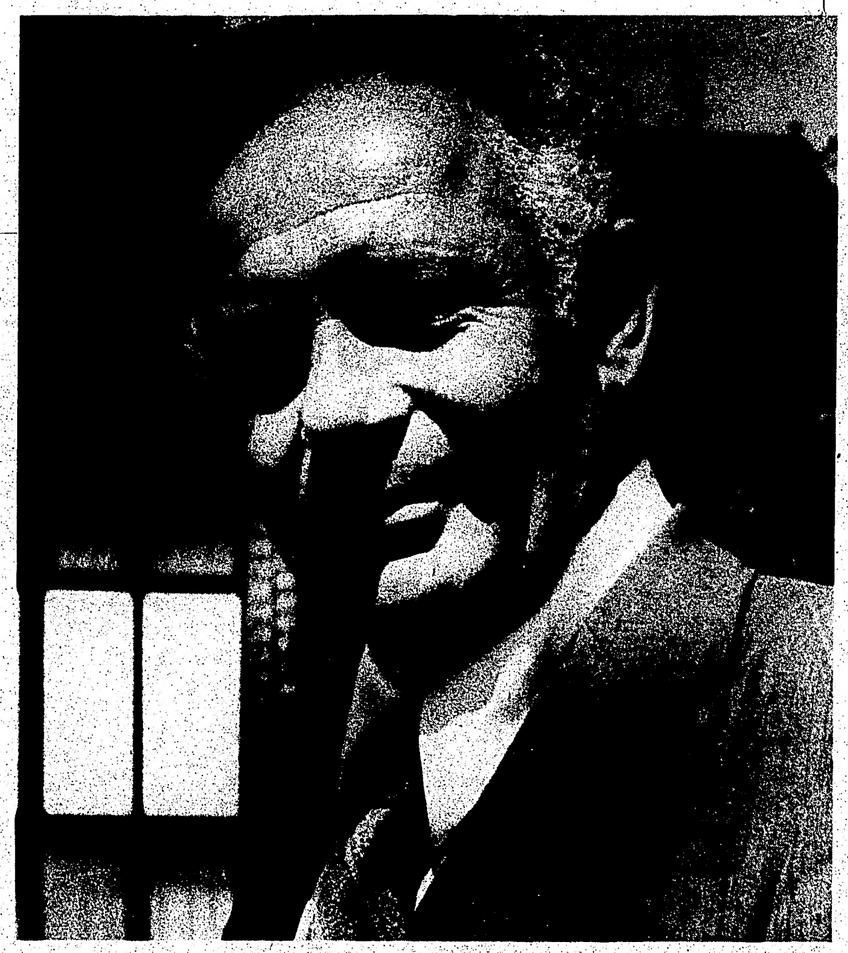

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